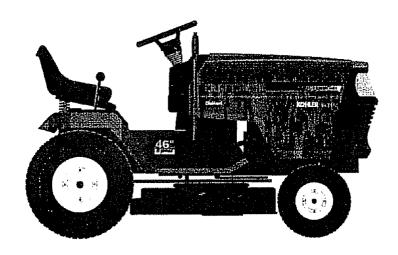
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# RAFTSMAN

MODEL NUMBER 917.258692 OWNER'S MANUAL

- Assembly
- Operation
- Customer Responsibilities
  Service and Adjustments
- Repair Parts





CAUTION: Read and follow all safety rules and instructions before operating this equipment. FOR CONSUMER ASSISTANCE HOT LINE, CALL THIS TOLL FREE NUMBER: 1-800-659-5917

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#### SAFETY RULES

Safe Operation Practices for Ride-On Mowers



IMPORTANT: THIS CUTTING MACHINE IS CAPABLE OF AMPUTATING HANDS AND FEET AND THROWING OBJECTS FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

#### **GENERAL OPERATION**

- Read, understand, and follow all instructions in the manual and on the machine before starting.
- Only allow responsible adults, who are familiar with the instructions, to operate the machine.
- Clear the area of objects such as rocks, toys, wire, etc., which could be picked up and thrown by the blade.
- Be sure the area is clear of other people before mowing. Stop machine if anyone enters the area
- Never carry passengers
- Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while backing
- Be aware of the mower discharge direction and do not point it at anyone. Do not operate the mower without either the entire grass catcher or the guard in place.
- Slow down before turning
- Never leave a running machine unattended. Always turn off blades, set parking brake, stop engine, and remove keys before dismounting
- Turn off blades when not mowing.
- Stop engine before removing grass catcher or unclogging
- Mow only in daylight or good artificial light.
- Do not operate the machine while under the influence of
- Watch for traffic when operating near or crossing roadways.
- Use extra care when loading or unloading the machine into a trailer or truck.

#### II. SLOPE OPERATION

Slopes are a major factor related to loss-of-control and tipover accidents, which can result in severe injury or death. All slopes require extra caution. If you cannot back up the slope or if you feel uneasy on it, do not mow it.

#### DO:

- Mow up and down slopes, not across-
- Remove obstacles such as rocks, tree limbs, etc.
- Watch for holes, ruts, or bumps. Uneven terrain could overturn the machine Tall grass can hide obstacles.
- Use slow speed. Choose a low gear so that you will not have to stop or shift while on the slope.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for wheel weights or counterweights to improve stability.
- Use extra care with grass catchers or other attachments. These can change the stability of the machine.
- Keep all movement on the slopes slow and gradual Do not make sudden changes in speed or direction.
- Avoid starting or stopping on a slope. If thes lose traction, disengage the blades and proceed slowly straight down the

- Do not turn on slopes unless necessary, and then, turn slowly and gradually downhill, if possible.
- Do not mow near drop-offs, ditches, or embankments. The mower could suddenly turn over if a wheel is over the edge of a cliff or ditch, or if an edge caves in.
- Do not mow on wet grass. Reduced traction could cause
- Do not try to stabilize the machine by putling your foot on the ground.
- Do not use grass catcher on sleep slopes

#### III. CHILDREN

Tragic accidents can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children. Children are often attracted to the machine and the mowing activity. Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them.

- Keep children out of the mowing area and under the watchful care of another responsible adult
- Be alert and turn machine off if children enter the area.
- Before and when backing, look behind and down for small
- Never carry children. They may fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with safe machine operation.
- Never allow children to operate the machine.
- Use extra care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure vision.

#### IV. SERVICE

- Use extra care in handling gasoline and other fuels. They are flammable and vapors are explosive
  - Use only an approved container.
  - Never remove gas cap or add fuel with the engine running. Allow engine to cool before refueling. Do not
  - Never refuel the machine indoors.
  - Never store the machine or fuel container inside where there is an open flame, such as a water heater
  - Never run a machine inside a closed area.
- Keep nuts and boits, especially blade attachment boits, tight and keep equipment in good condition
- Never tamper with safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly
- Keep machine free of grass, leaves, or other debris build-up Clean oil or fuel spillage. Allow machine to cool before storina.
- Stop and inspect the equipment if you strike an object. Repair, if necessary, before restarting.
- Never make adjustments or repairs with the engine running.
- Grass calcher components are subject to wear, damage, and deterioration, which could expose moving parts or allow objects to be thrown. Frequently check components and replace with manufacturer's recommended parts, when necessarv
- Mower blades are sharp and can cut. Wrap the blade(s) or wear gloves, and use extra caution when servicing them.
- Check brake operation frequently. Adjust and service as required.



Look for this symbol to point out important safety precautions. It means CAUTION!!! BECOME ALERT!!! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED.



CAUTION: Always disconnect spark plug wire and place wire where it cannot contact spark plug in order to prevent accidental starting when setting up, transporting, adjusting or making repairs.



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The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

CONGRATULATIONS on your purchase of a Sears Tractor It has been designed, engineered and manufactured to give you the best possible dependability and performance.

Should you experience any problem you cannot easily remedy, please contact your nearest Sears Authorized Service Center/Department. We have competent, welltrained technicians and the proper tools to service or repair this tractor.

Please read and retain this manual. The instructions will enable you to assemble and maintain your tractor properly. Always observe the "SAFETY RULES".

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#### MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

A Sears Maintenance Agreement is available on this product. Contact your nearest Sears store for details.

#### **CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Read and observe the safety rules.
- Follow a regular schedule in maintaining, caring for and using your tractor.
- Follow the Instructions under "Customer Responsibilities" and "Storage" sections of this owner's manual.

#### PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

HORSEPOWER:	18.0
GASOLINE CAPACITY AND TYPE:	3.5 GALLONS UNLEADED REGULAR
OIL TYPE (API-SF/SG/SH):	SAE 30 (above 32°F) SAE 5W-30 (below 32°F)
OIL CAPACITY:	W/ FILTER: 4.0 PINTS W/O FILTER: 3.5 PINTS
SPARK PLUG: (GAP: .025*)	CHAMPION RV17YC
VALVE CLEARANCE:	INTAKE: 003" - 006" EXHAUST: .013" - 016"
GROUND SPEED (MPH):	FORWARD: 5.5 REVERSE: 24
TIRE PRESSURE:	FRONT: 14 PSI REAR: 10 PSI
CHARGING SYSTEM:	15 AMPS @ 3600 RPM
BATTERY:	AMP/HR: 30 MIN. CCA: 240 CASE SIZE: U1R
BLADE BOLT TORQUE:	30-35 FT LBS

WARNING: This tractor is equipped with an internal combustion engine and should not be used on or near any unimproved forest-covered, brush-covered or grass-covered land unless the engine's exhaust system is equipped with a spark arrester meeting applicable local or state laws (if any). If a spark arrester is used, it should be maintained in effective working order by the operator.

In the state of California the above is required by law (Section 4442 of the California Public Resources Code) Other states may have similar laws. Federal laws apply on federal lands A spark arrester for the muffler is available through your nearest Sears Authorized Service Center/ Department (See REPAIR PARTS section of this manual).

#### LIMITED TWO YEAR WARRANTY ON CRAFTSMAN RIDING EQUIPMENT

For two (2) years from the date of purchase, if this Craftsman Filding Equipment is maintained, lubricated and tuned up according to the instructions in the owner's manual, Sears will repair or replace, free of charge, any parts found to be defective in material or workmanship

This Warranty does not cover:

- Expendable items which become worn during normal use, such as blades, spark plugs, air cleaners, belts, etc. Tire replacement or repair caused by punctures from outside objects, such as nalls, thorns, stumps, or glass.
- Repairs necessary because of operator abuse, negligence, improper storage or accident or the failure to maintain the equipment according to the Instructions contained in the owner's manual.
- Riding equipment used for commercial or rental purposes

#### **LIMITED 90 DAY WARRANTY ON BATTERY**

For ninety (90) days from date of purchase, if any battery included with this riding equipment proves defective in material or workmanship and our testing determines the battery will not hold a charge. Sears will replace the battery at no charge.

IN-HOME WARRANTY SERVICE ON YOUR CRAFTSMAN RIDING EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT NO-CHARGE FOR 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR NEAREST SERVICE CENTER. AFTER 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE, WARRANTY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE BY TAKING YOUR CRAFTSMAN RIDING EQUIPMENT TO YOUR NEAREST SEARS SERVICE CENTER. (IN-HOME WARRANTY SERVICE WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE BUT A STANDARD TRIP CHARGE WILL APPLY) THIS WARRANTY APPLIES ONLY WHILE THIS PRODUCT IS IN THE UNITED STATES.

This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which may vary from state to state.

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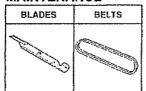
# **ACCESSORIES AND ATTACHMENTS**

These accessories and attachments were available through most Sears retail outlets and service centers when the tractor was purchased Most Sears stores can order these items for you when you provide the model number of your tractor.

#### ENGINE

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SPARK PLUG	GAS CAN	ENGINE OIL	FUEL STABILIZER	AIR FILTER	

#### MAINTENANCE



#### PERFORMANCE

Sears offers a wide variety of attachments that fit your tractor. Many of these are listed below with brief explanations of how they can help you. This list was current at the time of publication; however, it may change in future years - more attachments may be added, changes may be made in these attachments, or some may no longer be available or fit your model. Contact your nearest Sears store for the accessories and attachments that are available for your tractor.

Most of these attachments do not require additional hitches or conversion kits (those that do are indicated) and are designed for easy attaching and detaching

AERATOR promotes deep root growth for a healthy lawn. Tapered 2.5-inch steel spikes mounted on 10-inch diameter discs puncture holes in soil at close intervals to let moisture soak in Steel weight tray for increased penetration.

BAGGER lets you collect grass clippings and leaves for a healthier, neater looking lawn. Two Permanex containers hold 30-gallon plastic bags

BUMPER protects front end of tractor from damage

CARTS make hauling easy. Variety of sizes available, plus accessories such as side panel kits, tool caddy, cart cover, protective mat and dolly.

CORING AERATOR takes small plugs out of soil to allow moisture and nutrients to reach grass roots. 36-inch swath 24 hardened steel coring tips 150 lb capacity weight tray.

EASY OIL DRAIN VALVE makes oil changes easier, faster

FRONT NOSE ROLLER canters in front of mower deck to reduce chances of "scalping" on uneven terrain.

GANG HITCH lets you tow 2 or 3 pull-behind attachments at once, such as sweepers, dethalchers, aerators (not for use with rollers, carts or other heavy attachments)

GAUGE WHEELS on both sides of the mower deck reduce chances of "scalping" on uneven terrain For mower decks not so equipped

MULCH RAKE/DETHATCHER loosens soil and flips thatch and matted leaves to lawn surface for easy pickup. Twenty spring the teeth Useful to prepare bare areas for seeding. Available for front or rear mounting. HIGH PERFORMANCE REEL-ACTION SPRING TINE DETHATCHER covers 36-inch wide path and tosses thatch into large hopper. Mounts behind tractor.

MULCHING CLOSE-OUT PLATE KIT, once installed, lets you mulch, discharge or bag clippings (bagger optional) without changing blades. For models not equipped as 3-in-1 Convertible mowers. See "MOWER" in the Repair Parts section of this manual.

RAMP TOPS AND FEET let you load and unload tractor from a pickup truck Use with 2 x 8 or 2 x 10 lumber.

ROLLER for smoother lawn surface. 36-inch wide, 16-inch diameterwater-tight drumholds up to 390 lbs. of weight. Rounded edges prevent harm to turl. Adjustable scraper automatically cleans drum.

SNOW BLADE for snow removal only. 14-inch high, 48-inch wide blade clears 42-inch path when angled left or right. Raises, towers with side lever Adjustable skids; replaceable, reversible scraper bar. (Use with tire chains and wheel weights and/or rear drawbar weight).

SNOWTHROWER has 40-inch swath. Drum-type auger handles powdery and wel/heavy snow. Mounts easily with simple pin arrangement. Discharge chute adjusts from tractor seat. 6-inch dlameter spout discharges snow 10 to 50 feet. Lift controlled at tractor seat. (Use with chains and wheel weights and/or rear drawbar weight.)

SPRAYERS use 12-volt DC electric motor that connects to the tractor battery or other 12-volt source. Includes booms for automatic spraying and hand held wand for spot spraying Wand has adjustable spray pattern. For applying herbicides, insecticides, fungicides and liquid fertilizers

SPREADER/SEEDERS make seeding, fertilizing, and weed killing easy. Broadcast spreaders are also useful for granular delicers and sand

SWEEPERS let you collect grass clippings and leaves

TILLER has 5 hp engine and 36-inch swath to prepare seed beds, cultivate and compost garden residue. Tiller has its own built-in lift and depth control system and does NOT require a sleeve hitch. Fils any lawn, yard or garden tractor. Simply hook up to the tractor drawbar and go! Optional accessories convert unit for dethalching, aerating, hilling without tools

TIRE CHAINS are heavy duty; closely spaced extra-large cross links give smooth ride, outstanding traction.

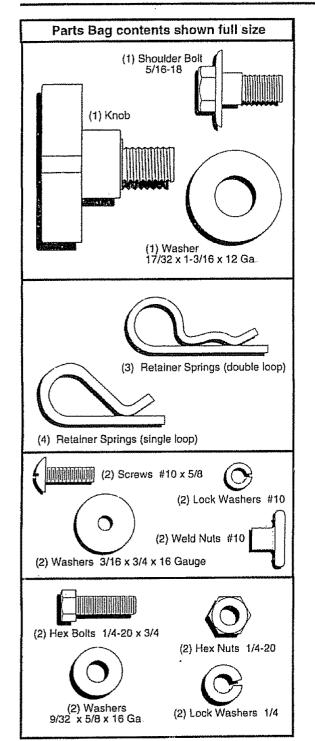
TRACTOR CAB has heavy duty vinyl fabric over tubular steel frame, ABS plastic top; clear plastic windshield offers 360 degree visibility. Hinged metal doors with catch. Keeps operator warm and dry Remove vinyl sides and windshields for use as sun protector in summer. Optional accessories include: tilnted/tempered solid safety glass windshield with hand operated wiper; 12-volt amber caution light for mounting on cab top

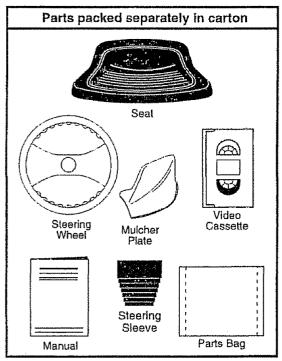
VACS for powerful collection of heavy grass clippings and leaves. Optional wand attachment to pick up debris in hard-to-reach places VAC/CHIPPER includes a chipper-shredder.

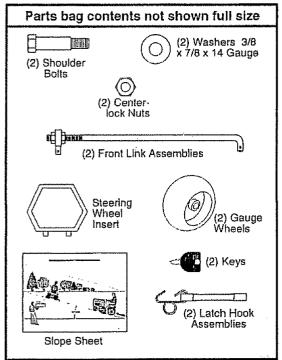
WEIGHT BRACKET for drawbar for snow removal applications. Uses (1) 55 lb: weight

WHEEL WEIGHTS for rear wheels provide needed traction for snow removal or dozing heavy materials

# **CONTENTS OF HARDWARE PACK**







Your new tractor has been assembled at the factory with exception of those parts left unassembled for shipping purposes. To ensure safe and proper operation of your tractor all parts and hardware you assemble must be tightened securely. Use the correct tools as necessary to insure proper tightness.

#### TOOLS REQUIRED FOR ASSEMBLY

A socket wrench set will make assembly easier. Standard wrench sizes are listed.

(2) 7/16" wrenches

(1) 9/16" wrench

Tire pressure gauge

(1) 3/4" Socket w/drive ratchet Phillips Screwdriver

Utility knife

When right or left hand is mentioned in this manual, it means when you are in the operating position (seated behind the steering wheel).

#### TO REMOVE TRACTOR FROM CARTON

#### **UNPACK CARTON**

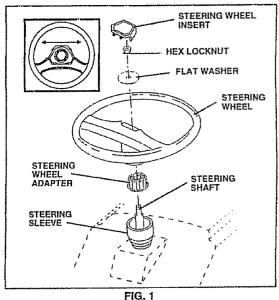
- Remove all accessible loose parts and parts cartons from carton (See page 6).
- Cut, from top to bottom, along lines on all four corners of carton, and lay panels flat
- Remove mower and packing materials
- Check for any additional loose parts or cartons and remove

#### BEFORE ROLLING TRACTOR OFF SKID

#### ATTACH STEERING WHEEL (See Fig. 1)

- Remove locknut and large flat washer from steering shaft.
- Position front wheels of the tractor so they are pointing straight forward.
- Slide the steering sleeve over the steering shaft.
- Position steering wheel so cross bars are horizontal (left to right) and slide onto adapter
- Secure steering wheel to steering shalt with locknut and large flat washer previously removed. Tighten
- Snap steering wheel insert into center of steering wheel.
- Remove protective materials from tractor hood and

IMPORTANT: CHECK FOR AND REMOVE ANY STAPLES IN SKID THAT MAY PUNCTURE TIRES WHERE TRACTOR IS TO ROLL OFF SKID



#### TO ROLL TRACTOR OFF SKID (See Operation section for location and function of controls)

- Press lift lever plunger and raise attachment lift lever to its highest position.
- Release parking brake by depressing clutch/brake pedal.
- Place freewheel control in freewheeling position to disengage transmission (See "TO TRANSPORT" in the Operation section of this manual).
- Roll tractor backwards off skid.

#### HOW TO SET UP YOUR TRACTOR

#### CONNECT BATTERY (See Fig. 2)



CAUTION: Do not short battery terminals by allowing a wrench or any other object to contact both terminals at the same time. Before connecting battery, remove metal bracelets, wristwatch bands, rings, etc.

Positive terminal must be connected first to prevent sparking from accidental grounding.

- · Lift hood to raised position
- Open terminal access doors, remove terminal protective caps and discard.
- If this battery is put into service after month and year indicated on label (label located between terminals) charge battery for minimum of one hour at 6-10 amps.
- First connect RED battery cable to positive (+) battery terminal with hex bolt, flat washer, lock washer and hex nut as shown. Tighten securely.
- Connect BLACK grounding cable to negative (-) battery terminal with remaining hex bolt, flat washer, lock washer and hex nut. Tighten securely.
- · Close terminal access doors

Use terminal access doors for:

- Inspection for secure connections (to tighten hardware).
- Inspection for corrosion
- · Testing battery.
- · Jumping (if required).
- Periodic charging

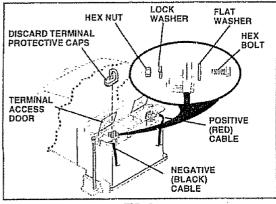


FIG. 2

#### INSTALL SEAT (See Fig. 3)

Adjust seat before tightening adjustment knob-

- Remove cardboard packing on seat pan.
- Place seat on seat pan and assemble shoulder bolt.
- Assemble adjustment knob and flat washer loosely. Do not tighten.
- Tighten shoulder bolt securely.
- · Lower seat into operating position and sit on seat.
- Slide seat until a comfortable position is reached which allows you to press cluich/brake pedal all the way down.
- Get off seat without moving its adjusted position.
- Raise seat and tighten adjustment knob securely.

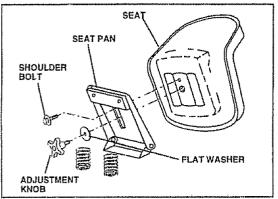


FIG. 3

#### **CHECK TIRE PRESSURE**

The tires on your tractor were overinflated at the factory for shipping purposes. Correct tire pressure is important for best cutting performance.

 Reduce the pressure to PSI shown in "PHODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3 of this manual.

#### **CHECK BRAKE SYSTEM**

After you learn how to operate your tractor, check to see that the brake is properly adjusted. See "TO ADJUST BRAKE" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

#### **INSTALL MOWER AND DRIVE BELT** (See Figs. 4 and 7)

Be sure tractor is on level surface and mower suspension arms are raised with attachment lift control. Engage parking brake.

- Cut and remove ties securing anti-sway bar and belts. Swing anti-sway bar to left side of mower deck.
- Slide mower under tractor with discharge guard to right side of tractor.

IMPORTANT: CHECK BELT FOR PROPER ROUTING IN ALL MOWER PULLEY GROOVES. INSTALL BELT INTO ELECTRIC CLUTCH PULLEY GROOVE.

- Install one front link in top hole of the R.H. front mower bracket and R.H. front suspension bracket. Retain with two single loop retainer springs as shown
- Install second front link in L.H. front suspension bracket only and retain with single loop retainer spring as
- Turn height adjustment knob counterclockwise until it
- Lower mower linkage with attachment lift control.
- Place the L.H. suspension arm on outward pointing deck pin. If necessary, rock and raise front of mower to align deck pin with the hole in suspension arm. Retain with double loop retainer spring with loops
- Slide left side of mower back and install the unattached

- Place the R.H suspension arm on outward pointing deck pin. If necessary, rock and raise front of mower to align deck pin with the hole in suspension arm. Retain with double loop retainer spring with loops down as shown.
- Connect anti-sway bar to chassis bracket under left footrest and retain with double loop retainer spring.
- Turn height adjustment knob clockwise to remove slack from mower suspension.
- Raise mower to highest position.
- Assemble gauge wheels (See "TO ADJUST GAUGE WHEELS" in the Operation section of this manual).

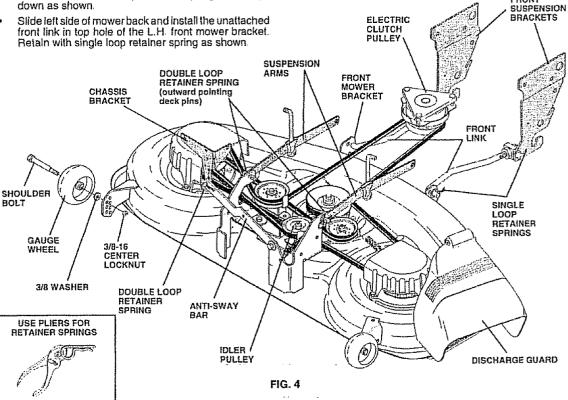
#### **CHECK MOWER LEVELNESS**

For best cutting results, mower should be properly leveled. See "TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

#### CHECK FOR PROPER POSITION OF ALL BELTS

See the figures that are shown for replacing motion, mower drive, and mower blade drive bells in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual. Verify that the belts are routed correctly.

FRONT



#### INSTALL MULCHER PLATE (See Figs. 5 and 6)

 Install two latch hooks to mulcher plate using screw, washer, lock washer, and weld nut as shown.

**NOTE:** Pre-assemble weld nut to latch hook by inserting weld nut from the top with hook pointing down.

- Tighten hardware securely.
- Raise and hold deflector shield in upright position.
- Place front of mulcher plate over front of mower deck opening and slide into place, as shown.
- Hook front latch into hole on front of mower deck.
- Hook rear latch into hole on back of mower deck



CAUTION: Do not remove discharge guard from mower. Raise and hold guard when attaching mulcher plate and allow it to rest on plate while in operation.

# TO CONVERT TO BAGGING OR DISCHARGING

Simply remove mulcher plate and store in a safe place. Your mower is now ready for discharging or installation of optional grass catcher accessory.

NOTE: It is not necessary to change blades. The mulcher blades are designed for discharging and bagging also.

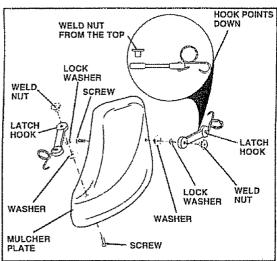


FIG. 5

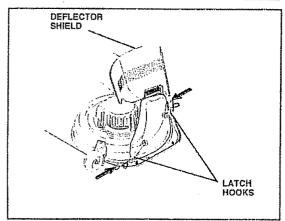


FIG. 6

#### ✓ CHECKLIST

BEFORE YOU OPERATE AND ENJOY YOUR NEW TRACTOR, WE WISH TO ASSURE THAT YOU RECEIVE THE BEST PERFORMANCE AND SATISFACTION FROM THIS QUALITY PRODUCT.

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST:

- ✓ All assembly Instructions have been completed.
- ✓ No remaining loose parts in carton.
- ✓ Battery is properly prepared and charged (Minimum 1 hour at 6 amps).
- Seat is adjusted comfortably and tightened securely.
- ✓ All tires are properly inflated. (For shipping purposes, the tires were overinflated at the factory).
- ✓ Be sure mower deck is properly leveled side-to-side/ front-to-rear for best cutting results. (Tires must be properly inflated for leveling).
- Check mower and drive belts. Be sure they are routed properly around pulleys and inside all belt keepers.
- Check wiring. See that all connections are still secure and wires are properly clamped.
- Before driving tractor, be sure freewheel control is in drive position

WHILE LEARNING HOW TO USE YOUR TRACTOR, PAY EXTRA ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT ITEMS:

- Engine oil is at proper level.
- Fuel tank is filled with fresh, clean, regular unleaded gasoline.
- Become familiar with all controls their location and function. Operate them before you start the engine.
- ✓ Be sure brake system is in safe operating condition.
- ✓ It is important to purge the transmission before operating your tractor for the first time. Follow proper starting and transmission purging instructions (See "TO START ENGINE" and "PURGE TRANSMISSION" in the Operation section of this manual).

These symbols may appear on your tractor or in literature supplied with the product. Learn and understand their meaning.



**BATTERY** 



CAUTION OR WARNING



REVERSE



**FORWARD** 



FAST



SLOW



ENGINE ON



**ENGINE OFF** 



OIL PRESSURE



CLUTCH



LIGHTS ON



LIGHTS OFF



FUEL



CHOKE



MOWER HEIGHT



DIFFERENTIAL LOCK



PARKING BRAKE LOCKED



UNLOCKED



MOWER LIFT



REVERSE



NEUTRAL



HIGH



LOW



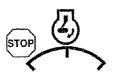
PARKING BRAKE



ATTACHMENT CLUTCH ENGAGED



ATTACHMENT CLUTCH DISENGAGED



IGNITION



DANGER, KEEP HANDS AND FEET AWAY



HYDROSTATIC FREE WHEEL (Hydro Models only)

#### KNOW YOUR TRACTOR

### READ THIS OWNER'S MANUAL AND SAFETY RULES BEFORE OPERATING YOUR TRACTOR.

Compare the illustrations with your tractor to familiarize yourself with the location of various controls and adjustments. Save this manual for luture reference.

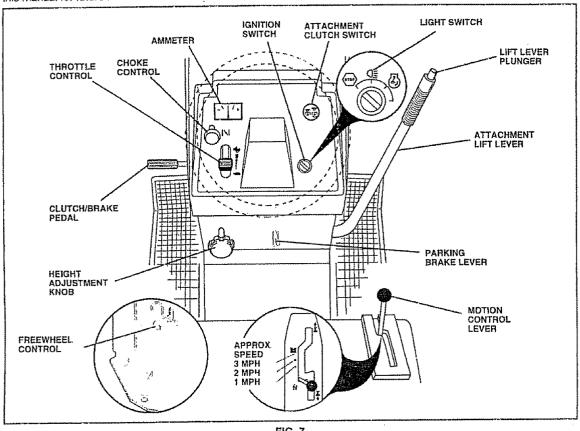


FIG. 7

Our tractors conform to the safety standards of the American National Standards Institute

ATTACHMENT CLUTCH SWITCH - Used to engage mower blades or other attachments mounted to your tractor.

ATTACHMENT LIFT LEVER - Used to raise and lower mower deck or other attachments mounted to your tractor.

CLUTCH/BRAKE PEDAL - Used for declutching and braking the tractor and starting the engine.

**HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT KNOB -** Used to adjust the mower height.

LIGHT SWITCH - Turns the headlights on and off.

MOTION CONTROL LEVER - Selects the speed and direction of the tractor.

IGNITION SWITCH - Used to start and stop the engine. PARKING BRAKE LEVER - Locks clutch/brake pedal into the brake position.

THROTTLE CONTROL - Used to control engine speed. LIFT LEVER PLUNGER - Used to release attachment lift lever when changing its position.

CHOKE CONTROL - Used when starting a cold engine.

AMMETER - Indicates charging (+) or discharging (-) of battery

FREEWHEEL CONTROL - Disengages transmission for pushing or slowly towing the tractor with the engine off.



The operation of any tractor can result in foreign objects thrown into the eyes, which can result in severe eye damage. Always wear safety glasses or eye shields while operating your tractor or performing any adjustments or repairs. We recommend a wide vision safety mask over the spectacles or standard safety glasses.

#### HOW TO USE YOUR TRACTOR TO SET PARKING BRAKE (See Fig. 8)

Your tractor is equipped with an operator presence sensing switch. When engine is running, any attempt by the operator to leave the seat without first setting the parking brake will shut off the engine.

- Depress clutch/brake pedal into full "BRAKE" position and hold.
- Place parking brake lever in "ENGAGED" position and release pressure from clutch/brake pedal. Pedal should remain in "BRAKE" position. Make sure parking brake will hold tractor secure.

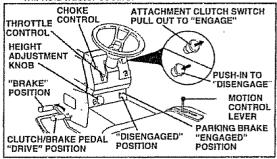


FIG. 8

#### STOPPING (See Fig. 8)

MOWER BLADES -

Move attachment clutch switch to "DISENGAGED" position.

GROUND DRIVE -

- Depress clutch/brake pedal into full "BRAKE" position.
- Move motion control lever to neutral (N) position.

  IMPORTANT: THE MOTION CONTROL LEVER DOES NOT RETURN TO NEUTRAL (N) POSITION WHEN THE CLUTCH/BRAKE PEDAL IS DEPRESSED ENGINE -
- Move throttle control to slow position.

NOTE: Failure to move throttle control to slow position and allowing engine to idle before stopping may cause engine to "backfire".

- Turn ignition key to "OFF" position and remove key. Always remove key when leaving tractor to prevent unauthorized use.
- · Never use choke to stop engine.

NOTE: Under certain conditions when tractor is standing idle with the engine running, hot engine exhaust gases may cause "browning" of grass. To eliminate this possibility, always stop engine when stopping tractor on grass areas



CAUTION: Always stop tractor completely, as described above, before leaving the operator's position; to empty grass catcher, etc.

#### TO USE THROTTLE CONTROL (See Fig. 8)

Always operate engine at full throttle.

- Operating engine at less than full throttle reduces the battery charging rate
- Full throttle offers the best mower performance.

#### TO USE CHOKE CONTROL (See Fig. 8)

Use choke control whenever you are starting a cold engine. Do not use to start a warm engine.

 To engage choke control, pull knob out. Slowly push knob in to disengage.

# TO MOVE FORWARD AND BACKWARD (See Fig. 8)

The direction and speed of movement is controlled by the motion control lever.

- Start tractor with motion control lever in neutral (N) position.
- Release parking brake and clutch/brake pedal.
- Slowly move motion control lever to desired position

# TO ADJUST MOWER CUTTING HEIGHT (See Fig. 8)

The cutting height is controlled by turning the height adjustment knob in desired direction.

- Turn knob clockwise ( ) to raise cutting height.
- Turn knob counterclockwise () to lower cutting height.

The cutting height range is approximately 1-1/2" to 4". The heights are measured from the ground to the blade lip with the engine not running. These heights are approximate and may vary depending upon soil conditions, height of grass and types of grass being mowed.

- The average lawn should be cut to approximately 2-1/2 inches during the cool season and to over 3 inches during hot months. For healthler and better looking lawns, mow often and after moderate growth.
- For best cutting performance, grass over 6 inches in height should be mowed twice. Make the first cut relatively high; the second to desired height

#### TO ADJUST GAUGE WHEELS (See Fig. 9)

Gauge wheels are properly adjusted when they are slightly off the ground when mower is at the desired cutting height in operating position. Gauge wheels then keep the deck in proper position to help prevent scalping in most terrain conditions.

- Adjust gauge wheels with tractor on a flat level surface.
- Adjust mower to desired cutting height (See "TO AD-JUST MOWER CUTTING HEIGHT" in the Operation section of this manual).
- With mower in desired height of cut position, gauge wheels should be assembled so they are slightly off the ground. Install gauge wheel in appropriate hole with shoulder bolt, 3/8 washer, and 3/8-16 locknut and tighten securely.
- Repeat for opposite side installing gauge wheel in same adjustment hole.

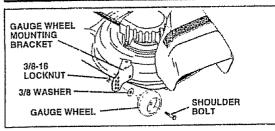


FIG. 9

#### TO OPERATE MOWER (See Fig. 10)

Your tractor is equipped with an operator presence sensing switch. Any attempt by the operator to leave the seat with the engine running and the attachment clutch engaged will shut off the engine.

- Select desired height of cut.
- · Lower mower with attachment lift control.
- Start mower blades by engaging attachment clutch control
- TO STOP MOWER BLADES disengage attachment clutch control.



CAUTION: Do not operate the mower without either the entire grass catcher, on mowers so equipped, or the discharge guard in place.

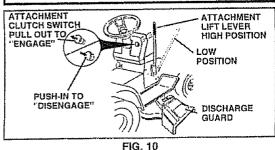


FIG. I

#### TO OPERATE ON HILLS



CAUTION: Do not drive up or down hills with slopes greater than 15° and do not drive across any slope.

- Choose the slowest speed before starting up or down hills.
- Avoid stopping or changing speed on hills.
- If slowing is necessary, move throttle control lever to slower position.
- If stopping is absolutely necessary, push clutch/brake pedal quickly to brake position and engage parking brake.
- Move motion control lever to neutral (N) position.
   IMPORTANT: THE MOTION CONTROL LEVER DOES NOT RETURN TO NEUTRAL (N) POSITION WHEN THE CLUTCH/BRAKE PEDAL IS DEPRESSED
- To restart movement, slowly release parking brake and clutch/brake pedal
- Slowly move motion control lever to slowest setting
- Make all turns slowly.

#### TO TRANSPORT (See Fig. 11)

When pushing or towing your fractor, be sure to disengage transmission by placing freewheel control in freewheeling position. Free wheel control is located at the rear drawbar of tractor.

- Raise attachment lift to highest position with attachment lift control.
- Pull freewheel control knob out and hold in position by inserting retainer spring into forward hole of control rod.
- Do not push or tow tractor at more than two (2) MPH.
   To reengage transmission, reverse above procedure.

NOTE: To protect hood from damage when transporting your tractor on a truck or a trailer, be sure hood is closed and secured to tractor. Use an appropriate means of tying hood to tractor (rope, cord, etc.).

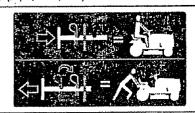


FIG. 11

# BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE CHECK ENGINE OIL LEVEL (See Fig. 18)

- The engine in your tractor has been shipped, from the factory, already filled with summer weight oil
- Check engine oil with tractor on level ground.
- Remove oil fill cap/dlpstick and wipe clean, reinsert the dipstick and push it all the way down into the tube, wait for a few seconds, remove and read oil level. If necessary, add oil until "FULL" mark on dipstick is reached. Do not overfill.
- For cold weather operation you should change oil for easier starting (See "OIL VISCOSITY CHART" in the Customer Responsibilities section of this manual).
- To change engine oil, see the Customer Responsibilities section in this manual.

#### **ADD GASOLINE**

 Fill fuel tank Use Iresh, clean, regular unleaded gasoline with a minimum of 87 octane. (Use of leaded gasoline will increase carbon and lead oxide deposits and reduce valve life). Do not mix oil with gasoline. Purchase fuel in quantities that can be used within 30 days to assure fuel freshness

IMPORTANT: WHEN OPERATING IN TEMPERATURES BELOW 32°F(0°C), USE FRESH, CLEAN WINTER GRADE GASOLINE TO HELP INSURE GOOD COLD WEATHER STARTING

WARNING: Experience indicates that alcohol blended fuels (called gasohol or using ethanol or methanol) can attract moisture which leads to separation and formation of acids during storage. Acidlo gas can damage the fuel system of an engine while in storage. To avoid engine problems, the fuel system should be emptied before storage of 30 days or longer. Drain the gas tank, start the engine and let it run until the fuel lines and carburetor are empty. Use fresh fuel next season. See Storage instructions for additional information. Never use engine or carburetor cleaner products in the fuel tank or permanent damage may occur.

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CAUTION: Fill to bottom of gas tank filler neck. Do not overfill. Wipe off any spilled oil or fuel. Do not store, spill or use gasoline near an open flame.

#### TO START ENGINE (See Fig. 8)

When starting the engine for the first time or if the engine has run out of fuel, it will take extra cranking time to move fuel from the tank to the engine.

- Be sure freewheel control is in the transmission engaged position.
- Sit on seat in operating position, depress clutch/brake pedal and set parking brake.
- · Place motion control lever in neutral (N) position
- Move attachment clutch to "DISENGAGED" position
- Move throttle control to fast position
- Pull choke control out for a cold engine start attempt.
   For a warm engine start attempt the choke control may not be needed.

Note: Before starting, read the warm and cold starting procedures below

Insert key into Ignition and turn key clockwise to "START"
position and release key as soon as engine starts. Do
not run starter continuously for more than lifteen seconds per minute. If the engine does not start after
several attempts, push choke control in, wait a few
minutes and try again. If engine still does not start, pull
the choke control out and retry

#### WARM WEATHER STARTING (50° F and above)

- When engine starts, slowly push choke control in until the engine begins to run smoothly. If the engine starts to run roughly, pull the choke control out slightly for a lew seconds and then continue to push the control in slowly.
- The attachments and ground drive can now be used. If the engine does not accept the load, restart the engine and allow it to warm up for one minute using the choke as described above

#### COLD WEATHER STARTING (50° F and below)

• When engine starts, slowly push choke control in until the engine begins to run smoothly. Continue to push the choke control in small steps allowing the engine to accept small changes in speed and load, until the choke control is fully in. If the engine starts to run roughly, pull the choke control out slightly for a few seconds and then continue to push the control in slowly. This may require an engine warm-up period from several seconds to several minutes, depending on the temperature.

#### HYDROSTATIC TRANSMISSION WARM UP

- Before driving the unit in cold weather, the transmission should be warmed up as follows:
  - · Be sure the tractor is on level ground.
  - Place the motion control lever in neutral.
     Release the parking brake and let the clutch/brake slowly return to operating position.
  - Allow one minute for transmission to warm up. This can be done during the engine warm up period.
- The attachments can be used during the engine warmup period after the transmission has been warmed up and may require the choke control be pulled out slightly.

NOTE: If at a high altitude (above 3000 feet) or in cold temperatures (below 32 F) the carburetor fuel mixture may need to be adjusted for best engine performance. See "TO ADJUST CARBURETOR" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

#### **PURGE TRANSMISSION**



CAUTION: Never engage or disengage freewheel lever while the engine is running

To ensure proper operation and performance, it is recommended that the transmission be purged before operating tractor for the first time. This procedure will remove any trapped air inside the transmission which may have developed during shipping of your tractor.

IMPORTANT: SHOULD YOUR TRANSMISSION REQUIRE REMOVAL FOR SERVICE OR REPLACEMENT, IT SHOULD BE PURGED AFTER REINSTALLATION BEFORE OPERATING THE TRACTOR.

- Place tractor safely on level surface with engine off and parking brake set
- Disengage transmission by placing freewheel control in freewheeling position (See "TO TRANSPORT" in this section of manual).
- Sitting in the tractor seat, start engine After the engine is running, move throttle control to slow position. With motion control lever in neutral (N) position, slowly disengage clutch/brake pedal.
- Move motion control lever to full forward position and hold for five (5) seconds. Move lever to full reverse position and hold for five (5) seconds. Repeat this procedure three (3) times.

**NOTE:** During this procedure there will be no movement of drive wheels. The air is being removed from hydraulic drive system.

- Move motion control lever to neutral (N) position. Shutoff engine and set parking brake.
- Engage transmission by placing freewheel control in driving position (See "TO TRANSPORT" in this section of manual).
- Sitting in the tractor seat, start engine. After the engine is running, move throttle control to half (1/2) speed. With motion control lever in neutral (N) position, slowly disengage clutch/brake pedal
- Slowly move motion control lever forward, after the tractor moves approximately five (5) feet, slowly move motion control lever to reverse position. After the tractor moves approximately five (5) feet return the motion control lever to the neutral (N) position. Repeat this procedure with the motion control lever three (3)
- Your tractor is now purged and now ready for normal operation

#### MOWING TIPS

- Tire chains cannot be used when the mower housing is attached to tractor.
- Mower should be properly leveled for best mowing performance. See "TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.
- The left hand side of mower should be used for trimming.
- Drive so that clippings are discharged onto the area that has been cut. Have the cut area to the right of the machine. This will result in a more even distribution of clippings and more uniform cutting.
- When mowing large areas, start by turning to the right so that clippings will discharge away from shrubs, fences, driveways, etc. After one or two rounds, mow in the opposite direction making left hand turns until finished (See Fig. 12).
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  If grass is extremely tall, it should be mowed twice to reduce load and possible fire hazard from dried clippings. Make first cut relatively high; the second to the desired height.
- Do not mow grass when it is wet. Wet grass will plug mower and leave undesirable clumps. Allow grass to dry before mowing.
- Always operate engine at full throttle when mowing to assure better mowing performance and proper discharge of material. Regulate ground speed by selecting a low enough gear to give the mower cutting performance as well as the quality of cut desired.
- When operating attachments, select a ground speed that will suit the terrain and give best performance of the attachment being used.

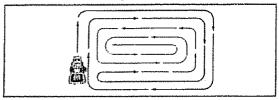


FIG. 12

#### **MULCHING MOWING TIPS**

IMPORTANT: FOR BEST PERFORMANCE, KEEP MOWER HOUSING FREE OF BUILT-UP GRASS AND TRASH: CLEAN AFTER EACH USE

- The special mulching blade will recut the grass clipplngs many times and reduce them in size so that as they fall onto the lawn they will disperse into the grass and not be noticed. Also, the mulched grass will blodegrade quickly to provide nutrients for the lawn. Always mulch with your highest engine (blade) speed as this will provide the best recutting action of the blades.
- Avoid cutting your lawn when it is wet Wet grass tends to form clumps and interferes with the mulching action. The best time to mow your lawn is the early afternoon. At this time the grass has dried and the newly cut area will not be exposed to the direct sun.
- For best results, adjust the mower cutting height so that the mower cuts off only the top one-third of the grass blades (See Fig. 13). For extremely heavy mulching, reduce your width of cut on each pass and mow slowly.
- Certain types of grass and grass conditions may require that an area be mulched a second time to completely hide the clippings. When doing a second cut, mow across or perpendicular to the first cut path.
- Change your cutting pattern from week to week. Mow north to south one week then change to east to west the next week. This will help prevent matting and graining of the lawn.

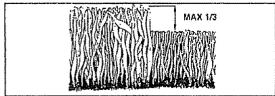


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- 1 Change more often when operating under a heavy load or in high ambient temperatures
- 2 Service more often when operating in dirty or dusty conditions
- 3 If equipped with oil filler, change of every 50 hours
- 4 Replace blades more often when mowing in sandy soil

- 5 If equipped with adjustable system.
- 6 Not required if equipped with mointenance-fron ballery.
- 7 Tighten front axie pivot bolt to 35 ft -lbs maximum.

  Do not overlighten.

#### **GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

The warranty on this tractor does not cover items that have been subjected to operator abuse or negligence. To receive full value from the warranty, operator must maintain tractor as instructed in this manual.

Some adjustments will need to be made periodically to properly maintain your tractor.

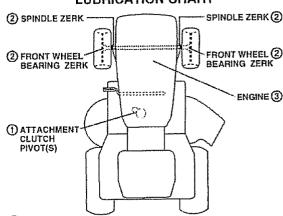
All adjustments in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual should be checked at least once each season.

 Once a year you should replace the spark plug, clean or replace air filter, and check blades and belts for wear. A new spark plug and clean air filter assure proper air-fuel mixture and help your engine run better and last longer

#### **BEFORE EACH USE**

- Check engine oil level.
- Check brake operation
- · Check tire pressure.
- Check for loose fasteners.

#### **LUBRICATION CHART**



- ① SAE 30 OR 10W30 MOTOR OIL
- (2) GENERAL PURPOSE GREASE
- TREFER TO CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES "ENGINE" SECTION

IMPORTANT: DO NOT OIL OR GREASE THE PIVOT POINTS WHICH HAVE SPECIAL NYLON BEARINGS. VISCOUS LUBRICANTS WILL ATTRACT DUST AND DIRT THAT WILL SHORTEN THE LIFE OF THE SELF-LUBRICATING BEARINGS. IF YOU FEEL THEY MUST BE LUBRICATED, USE ONLY A DRY. POW17 DERED GRAPHITE TYPE LUBRICANT SPARINGLY.

#### TRACTOR

Always observe safety rules when performing any maintenance.

#### **BRAKE OPERATION**

If tractor requires more than six (6) feet stopping distance at high speed in highest gear, then brake must be adjusted. (See "TO ADJUST BRAKE" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual).

#### TIRES

- Maintain proper air pressure in all tires (See "PROD-UCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3 of this manual).
- Keep tires free of gasoline, oil, or insect control chemicals which can harm rubber.
- Avoid stumps, stones, deep ruts, sharp objects and other hazards that may cause tire damage.

NOTE: To seal tire punctures and prevent flat thres due to slow leaks, tire sealant may be purchased from your local parts dealer. Tire sealant also prevents tire dry rot and corrosion.

#### **BLADE CARE**

For best results mower blades must be kept sharp. Replace bent or damaged blades.

#### BLADE REMOVAL (See Fig. 14)

- Raise mower to highest position to allow access to blades.
- Remove hex bolt, lock washer and flat washer securing blade.
- Install new or resharpened blade with trailing edge up towards deck as shown.
- Reassemble hex boll, lock washer and flat washer in exact order as shown.
- Tighten bolt securely (30-35 Ft. Lbs. torque)

IMPORTANT: BLADE BOLT IS GRADE 8 HEAT TREATED NOTE: We do not recommend sharpening blade - but if you do, be sure the blade is balanced.

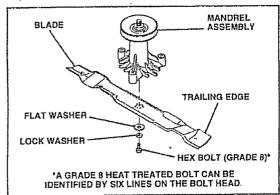


FIG. 14

#### TO SHARPEN BLADE (See Fig. 15)

Care should be taken to keep the blade balanced. An unbalanced blade will cause excessive vibration and eventual damage to mower and engine.

- The blade can be sharpened with a file or on a grinding wheel. Do not attempt to sharpen while on the mower.
- To check blade balance, you will need a 5/8" diameter steel bolt, pin, or a cone balancer. (When using a cone balancer, follow the instructions supplied with balancer.)
- Slide blade on to an unthreaded portion of the steel bolt or pin and hold the bolt or pin parallel with the ground.
   If blade is balanced, it should remain in a horizontal position. If either end of the blade moves downward, sharpen the heavy end until the blade is balanced.

NOTE: Do not use a nall for balancing blade. The lobes of the center hole may appear to be centered, but are not

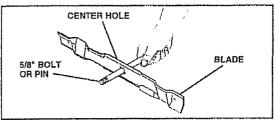


FIG. 15

#### **BATTERY**

Your tractor has a battery charging system which is sufficient for normal use. However, periodic charging of the battery with an automotive charger will extend its life.

- · Keep battery and terminals clean
- Keep battery bolts tight
- Keep small vent holes open.
- Recharge at 6-10 amperes for 1 hour.

#### TO CLEAN BATTERY AND TERMINALS

Corrosion and dirt on the battery and terminals can cause the battery to "leak" power.

- · Remove terminal guard.
- Disconnect BLACK battery cable first then RED battery cable and remove battery from tractor.
- Rinse the battery with plain water and dry.
- Clean terminals and battery cable ends with wire brush until bright
- Coat terminals with grease or petroleum jelly.
- Reinstall battery (See "CONNECT BATTERY" in the Assembly section of this manual).

#### V-BELTS

Check V-belts for deterioration and wear after 100 hours of operation and replace if necessary. The belts are not adjustable. Replace belts if they begin to slip from wear.

#### TRANSAXLE COOLING

The fan and cooling fins of transmission should be kept clean to assure proper cooling.

Do not attempt to clean fan or transmission while engine is running or while the transmission is hot.

- Inspect cooling fan to be sure fan blades are intact and clean
- Inspect cooling fins for dirt, grass clippings and other materials. To prevent damage to seals, do not use compressed air or high pressure sprayer to clean cooling fins.

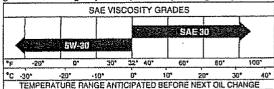
#### TRANSAXLE PUMP FLUID

The transaxle was sealed at the factory and fluid maintenance is not required for the life of the transaxle. Should the transaxle ever leak or require servicing, contact your nearest authorized service center/department.

#### **ENGINE**

#### LUBRICATION

Only use high quality detergent oil rated with API service classification SF, SG or SH. Select the oil's SAE viscosity grade according to your expected operating temperature.



NOTE: Although multi-viscosity oils (5W30, 10W30 etc.) improve starting in cold weather, these multi-viscosity oils will result in increased oil consumption when used above 32°F. Check your engine oil level more frequently to avoid possible engine damage from running low on oil

Change the oil after every 50 hours of operation or at least once a year if the tractor is not used for 50 hours in one year.

Check the crankcase oil level before starting the engine and after each eight (8) hours of operation. Tighten oil fill cap/dipstick securely each time you check the oil level.

#### TO CHANGE ENGINE OIL (See Fig. 16)

Determine temperature range expected before oil change. All oil must meet API service classification SF, SG or SH.

- · Be sure tractor is on level surface
- Oil will drain more freely when warm.
- · Catch oil in a suitable container
- Remove oil fill cap/dipstick. Be careful not to allow dirt to enter the engine when changing oil.
- Remove drain plug.

- After oil has drained completely, replace oil drain plug and tighten securely.
- Refill engine with oil through oil fill dipstick tube. Pour slowly. Do not overfill. For approximate capacity see "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3 of this manual.
- Use gauge on oil fill cap/dipstick for checking level. Be sure dipstick is in all the way for accurate reading. Keep oil at "FULL" line on dipstick.

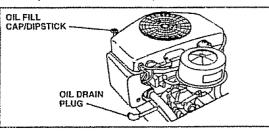


FIG. 16

#### AIR FILTER (See Fig. 17)

Your engine will not run properly using a dirty air filter. Clean the foam pre-cleaner after every 25 hours of operation or every season. Service paper cartridge every 100 hours of operation or every season, whichever occurs first.

Service air cleaner more often under dusty conditions

- Remove wing nut and cover.
- Remove seal and cartridge plate.

#### TO SERVICE PRE-CLEANER

- Slide foam pre-cleaner off cartridge
- Wash it in liquid detergent and water.
- Squeeze it dry in a clean cloth. Allow it to dry.
- Saturate it in engine oil. Wrap it in clean, absorbent cloth and squeeze to remove excess oil

#### TO SERVICE CARTRIDGE

Replace a dirty, bent, or damaged cartridge.

NOTE: Do not wash the paper cartridge or use pressurized air, as this will damage the cartridge.

- Reinstall the pre-cleaner (cleaned and oiled) over the paper cartridge.
- Reassemble air cleaner, cartridge plate, and seal.
- Install the air cleaner cover and wing nut. Tighten wing nut 1/2 turn to 1 full turn after nut contacts cover. Do not overlighten.

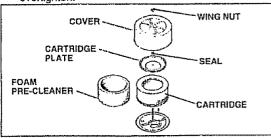


FIG. 17

#### CLEAN AIR SCREEN (See Fig. 18)

Air screen must be kept free of dirt and chaff to prevent engine damage from overheating. Clean with a wire brush or compressed air to remove dirt and stubborn dried gum fibers.

#### ENGINE COOLING FINS (See Fig. 18)

Remove any dust, dirt or oil from engine cooling fins to prevent engine damage from overheating. Engine blower housing must be removed. Remove side panels and hood (See "TO REMOVE HOOD AND GRILL ASSEMBLY" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual)

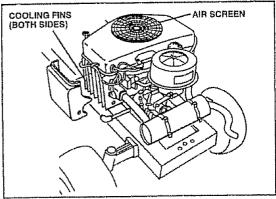


FIG. 18

#### **ENGINE OIL FILTER**

Replace the engine oil filter every season or every other oil change if the tractor is used more than 100 hours in one year.

#### **MUFFLER**

Inspect and replace corroded muffler and spark arrester (if equipped) as it could create a fire hazard and/or damage.

#### SPARK PLUGS

Heplace spark plugs at the beginning of each mowing season or after every 100 hours of operation, whichever occurs first. Spark plug type and gap setting are shown in "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3 of this manual.

#### IN-LINE FUEL FILTER (See Fig. 19)

The fuel filter should be replaced once each season. If fuel filter becomes clogged, obstructing fuel flow to carburetor, replacement is required.

- With engine cool, remove filter and plug fuel line sections
- Place new fuel filter in position in fuel line with arrow pointing towards carburetor.
- Be sure there are no fuel line leaks and clamps are properly positioned.
- Immediately wipe up any spilled gasoline.

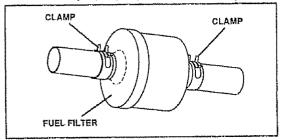


FIG. 19

#### **CLEANING**

- Clean engine, battery, seat, finish, etc of all foreign matter
- Keep finished surfaces and wheels free of all gasoline, oil, etc.
- · Protect painted surfaces with automotive type wax.

We do not recommend using a garden hose to clean your tractor unless the electrical system, muffler, air filter and carburetor are covered to keep water out. Water in engine can result in a shortened engine life.



**CAUTION: BEFORE PERFORMING ANY SERVICE OR ADJUSTMENTS:** 

- . Depress clutch/brake pedal fully and set parking brake.
- · Place motion control lever in neutral (N) position.
- Place attachment clutch in "DISENGAGED" position.
- · Turn Ignition key "OFF" and remove key.
- Make sure the blades and all moving parts have completely stopped.
- Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and place wire where it cannot come in contact with plug.

#### TRACTOR

#### TO REMOVE MOWER (See Fig. 20)

- Place attachment clutch in "DISENGAGED" position.
- · Turn height adjustment knob to lowest setting.
- Lower mower to its lowest position.
- Remove retainer spring holding anti-swaybar to chassis bracket and disengage anti-swaybar from bracket.
- Remove retainer springs from suspension arms at deck and disengage arms from deck.
- · Raise attachment lift to its highest position.
- Remove two retainer springs from each front link and remove links.
- Slide mower forward and remove belt from electric clutch pulley.
- Slide mower out from under right side of tractor.

IMPORTANT: IF AN ATTACHMENT OTHER THAN THE MOWER DECK IS TO BE MOUNTED ON THE TRACTOR, REMOVE THE FRONT LINKS.

#### TO INSTALL MOWER

Follow procedure described in "INSTALL MOWER AND DRIVE BELT" in the Assembly section of this manual

#### TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING

Adjust the mower while tractor is parked on level ground or driveway. Make sure tires are properly inflated (See "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3 of this manual). If tires are over or underinflated, you will not properly adjust your mower

SIDE-TO-SIDE ADJUSTMENT (See Figs. 21 and 22)

- Raise mower to its highest position.
- At the midpoint of both sides of mower, measure height from bottom edge of mower to ground. Distance "A" on both sides of mower should be the same or within 1/4" of each other.
- If adjustment is necessary, make adjustment on one side of mower only.
- To raise one side of mower, tighten lift link adjustment nut on that side.
- To lower one side of mower, loosen lift link adjustment nut on that side.

NOTE: Each full turn of adjustment nut will change mower height about 1/8".

Recheck measurements after adjusting.

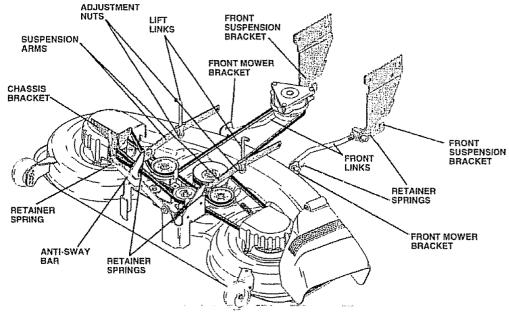


FIG. 20

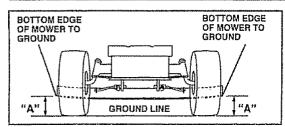


FIG. 21

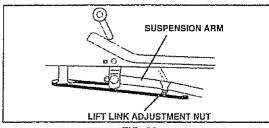


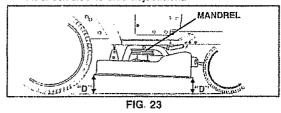
FIG. 22

FRONT-TO-BACK ADJUSTMENT (See Figs. 23 and 24) IMPORTANT: DECK MUST BE LEVEL SIDE-TO-SIDE IF THE FOLLOWING FRONT-TO-BACK ADJUSTMENT IS NECESSARY, BE SURE TO ADJUST BOTH FRONT LINKS EQUALLY SO MOWER WILL STAY LEVEL SIDE-TO-SIDE.

To obtain the best cutting results, the mower housing should be adjusted so that the front is approximately 1/8" to 1/2" lower than the rear when the mower is in its highest position.

Check adjustment on right side of tractor. Measure distance "D" directly in front and behind the mandrel at bottom edge of mower housing as shown.

- Before making any necessary adjustments, check that both front links are equal in length. Both links should be approximately 10-3/8".
- If links are not equal in length, adjust one link to same length as other link.
- To lower front of mower loosen nut "E" on both front links an equal number of turns
- When distance "D" is 1/8" to 1/2" lower at front than rear, tighten nuts "F" against trunnion on both front links.
- To raise front of mower, loosen nut "F" from trunnion on both front links. Tighten nut "E" on both front links an equal number of turns.
- When distance "D" is 1/8" to 1/2" lower at front than rear, tighten nut "F" against trunnlon on both front links.
- · Recheck side-to-side adjustment.



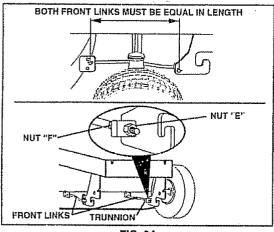


FIG. 24

#### TO REPLACE MOWER DRIVE BELT

MOWER DRIVE BELT REMOVAL (See Fig. 25)

- Park tractor on a level surface. Engage parking brake.
- Remove four screws from L.H. mandrel cover and remove cover.
- · Roll belt over the top of L.H. mandrel pulley.
- · Remove belt from electric clutch pulley.
- · Remove belt from Idler pulleys.
- Remove any dirt or grass clippings which may have accumulated around mandrels and entire upper deck surface.
- Check primary idler arm and two idlers to see that they rotate freely.
- Be sure spring is securely hooked to primary idler arm and bolt in mower housing.

MOWER DRIVE BELT INSTALLATION (See Fig. 25)

- Install belt in both idlers. Make sure belt is in both belt keepers at the idlers as shown.
- Install new belt onto electric clutch pulley.
- Roll belt into upper groove of L.H. mandrel pulley.
- Carefully check belt routing making sure belt is in the grooves correctly and inside belt keepers
- Reassemble L.H. mandrel cover

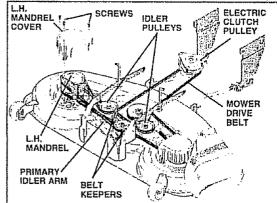


FIG. 25

# TO REPLACE MOWER BLADE DRIVE BELT (See Fig. 26)

Park the tractor on level surface. Engage parking brake.

- Remove mower drive belt (See "TO REPLACE MOWER DRIVE BELT" in this section of this manual).
- Remove mower (See "TO REMOVE MOWER" in this section of this manual).
- Remove four screws from R.H. mandrel cover and remove cover. Unhook spring from bolt on mower housing.
- · Carefully roll belt off R.H. mandrel pulley.
- Remove belt from center mandrel pulley, idler pulley, and L.H. mandrel pulley.
- Remove any dirt or grass which may have accumulated around mandrels and entire upper deck surface.
- Check secondary idler arm and idler to see that they rotate freely.
- Be sure spring is hooked in secondary idler arm and sway bar bracket.
- Install new belt in lower groove of L.H. mandrel pulley, idler pulley, and center mandrel pulley as shown
- Roll belt over R.H. mandrel pulley Make sure belt is in all grooves properly
- Reconnect spring to bolt in mower housing and reinstall R H mandrel cover.
- Reinstall mower to tractor (See "INSTALL MOWER AND DRIVE BELT" in the Assembly section of this manual).
- Reassemble mower drive belt (See "TO REPLACE MOWER DRIVE BELT" in this section of this manual).

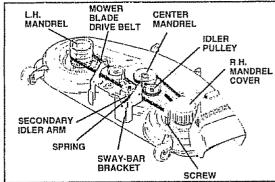


FIG. 26

# TO ADJUST ATTACHMENT CLUTCH (See Fig. 27)

The electric clutch should provide years of service. The clutch has a built-in brake that stops the pulley within 5 seconds. Eventually, the internal brake will wear which may cause the mower blades to not engage, or, to not stop as required. Adjustments should be made by your nearest authorized service center/department.

- Make sure attachment clutch and ignition switches are in "OFF" position.
- Adjust the three nylon locknuts until space between clutch plate and rotor measures 012" at all three slot locations cut in the side of brake plate.

NOTE: After installing a new electric clutch, run tractor at full throttle and engage and disengage electric clutch 10 cycles to wear in clutch plate.

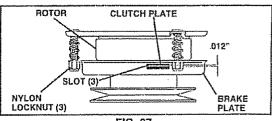


FIG. 27

#### TO ADJUST BRAKE (See Fig. 28)

Your tractor is equipped with an adjustable brake system which is mounted on the side of the transaxle.

If tractor requires more than six (6) feet stopping distance at high speed in highest gear, then brake must be adjusted

- Depress clutch/brake pedal and engage parking brake.
- Measure distance between brake operating arm and nut "A" on brake rod.
- If distance is other than 1-3/4", loosen jam nut and turn nut "A" until distance becomes 1-3/4". Hetighten jam nut against nut "A".
- Road test tractor for proper stopping distance as stated above. Readjust if necessary. If stopping distance is still greater than six (6) feet in highest gear, further maintenance is necessary. Contact your nearest authorized service center/department.

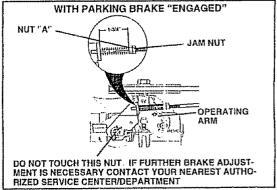


FIG. 28

# TO REPLACE MOTION DRIVE BELT (See Fig. 29)

Park the tractor on level surface. Engage parking brake. For assistance, there is a belt installation guide decal on bottom side of left footrest.

- Remove mower (See "TO REMOVE MOWER" in this section of this manual)
- · Disconnect clutch wire harness
- · Remove clutch locator.
- Remove upper belt keeper.
- Hemove belt from stationary idler and clutching idler.
- Pull belt slack toward rear of tractor. Carefully remove belt upwards from transmission input pulley and over cooling fan blades.
- Pull belt toward front of tractor and remove downwards from around electric clutch
- Install new belt by reversing above procedure

IMPORTANT: MAKE SURE UPPER BELT KEEPER IS POSITIONED PROPERLY BETWEEN LOCATOR TABS AND ELECTRIC CLUTCH WIRE CONNECTION IS SECURE.

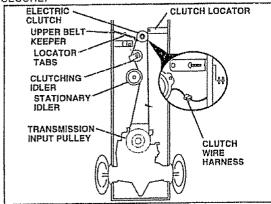


FIG. 29

# TO ADJUST MOTION CONTROL LEVER (See Fig. 30)

The motion control lever has been preset at the factory and adjustment should not be necessary.

If for any reason the motion control lever will not hold its position while at a selected speed, it may be adjusted at the friction pack located on the right side of transmission.

- Park tractor on level surface. Stop tractor by turning ignition key to "OFF" position, and engage parking brake.
- Adjust motion control lever by tightening adjustment locknut one half (1/2) turn

NOTE: If for any reason the effort to move the motion control lever becomes too excessive, reverse the above adjustment procedure by loosening locknut 1/4 to 1/2 turn. Road test tractor after adjustment and repeat procedure if necessary.

#### TRANSMISSION REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT

Should your transmission require removal for service or replacement, it should be purged after reinstallation and before operating the tractor. See "PURGE TRANSMISSION" in the Operation section of this manual.

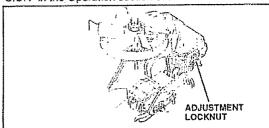


FIG. 30

#### TO ADJUST STEERING WHEEL ALIGNMENT

It steering wheel crossbars are not horizontal (left to right) when wheels are positioned straightforward, remove steering wheel and reassemble per instructions in the Assembly section of this manual

#### FRONT WHEEL TOE-IN/CAMBER

The front wheel toe-in and camber are not adjustable on your tractor. If damage has occurred to affect the front wheel toe-in or camber, contact your nearest authorized service center/department.

# TO REMOVE WHEEL FOR REPAIRS (See Fig. 31)

Block up axle securely.

- Remove axle cover, retaining ring and washers to allow wheel removal (rear wheel contains a square key - Do not lose).
- Repair tire and reassemble.
- On rear wheels only: align grooves in rear wheel hub and axle. Insert square key.
- Replace washers and snap retaining ring securely in axle groove.
- Replace axle cover.

NOTE: To seal tire punctures and prevent flat tires due to slow leaks, tire sealant may be purchased from your local parts dealer. Tire sealant also prevents tire dry rot and corrosion.

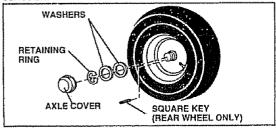


FIG. 31

# TO START ENGINE WITH A WEAK BATTERY (See Fig. 32)



CAUTION: Lead-acid batteries generate explosive gases. Keep sparks, flame and smoking materials away from batteries. Always wear eye protection when around batteries.

If your battery is too weak to start the engine, it should be recharged. If "jumper cables" are used for emergency starting, follow this procedure:

IMPORTANT: YOUR TRACTOR IS EQUIPPED WITH A 12 VOLT NEGATIVE GROUNDED SYSTEM THE OTHER VEHICLE MUST ALSO BE A 12 VOLT NEGATIVE GROUNDED SYSTEM. DO NOT USE YOUR TRACTOR BATTERY TO START OTHER VEHICLES.

#### TO ATTACH JUMPER CABLES -

- Connect each end of the RED cable to the POSITIVE (+) terminal of each battery, taking care not to short against chassis.
- Connect one end of the BLACK cable to the NEGA-TIVE (-) terminal of fully charged battery
- Connect the other end of the BLACK cable to good CHASSIS GROUND, away from fuel tank and battery

#### TO REMOVE CABLES, REVERSE ORDER

- BLACK cable first from chassis and then from the fully charged battery
- RED cable last from both batteries

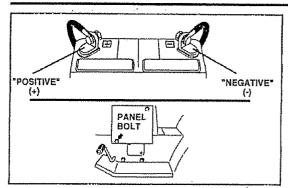


FIG. 32

#### TO REPLACE HEADLIGHT BULB

- Raise hood.
- Pull bulb holder out of the hole in the backside of the
- grill.
  Replace bulb in holder and push bulb holder securely back into the hole in the backside of the grill

#### INTERLOCKS AND RELAYS

Loose or damaged wiring may cause your tractor to run poorly, stop running, or prevent it from starting.

Check wiring. See electrical wiring diagram in the Repair Parts section of this manual.

#### TO REPLACE FUSE

Replace with 30 amp automotive-type plug-in fuse. The fuse holder is located behind the dash

#### TO REMOVE HOOD AND GRILL ASSEMBLY (See Fig. 33)

- Raise hood
- Unsnap headlight wire connector.
- Stand in front of tractor. Grasp hood at sides, tilt toward engine and lift off of tractor.
- To replace, reverse above procedure.

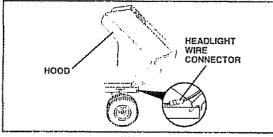


FIG. 33

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#### TO ADJUST THROTTLE CONTROL CABLE (See Figs. 34 & 35)

The throttle control has been preset at the factory and adjustment should not be necessary Check adjustment as described below before loosening cable. If adjustment is necessary, proceed as follows:

- With engine not running, move throttle control lever to fast position.
- Check that speed control lever is against stop screw. If it is not, loosen casing clamp screw and pull throttle cable until lever is against screw. Tighten clamp screw

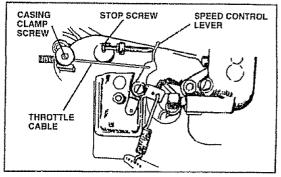
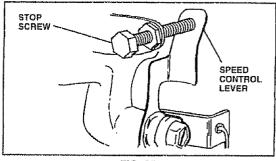


FIG. 34



#### TO ADJUST CARBURETOR (See Fig. 36)

The carburetor has been present at the factory and adjustment should not be necessary. However, minor adjustment may be required to compensate for differences in fuel. temperature, altitude or load. If the carburetor does need adjustment, proceed as follows:

In general, turning the adjusting needles in (clockwise) decreases the supply of fuel to the engine giving a leaner fuel/air mixture. Turning the adjusting needles out (counterclockwise) increases the supply of fuel to the engine giving a richer fuel/air mixture

IMPORTANT: DAMAGE TO THE NEEDLES AND THE SEATS IN CARBURETOR MAY RESULT IF SCREW IS TURNED IN TOO TIGHT.

#### PRELIMINARY SETTING -

- Be sure you have a clean air filter, and the throttle control cable is adjusted properly (see above).
- With engine off turn idle fuel adjusting needle in (clockwise) closing it finger tight and then turn out (counter-clockwise) 1-1/4 turns
- Turn main fuel adjusting needle in (clockwise) closing finger light and then turn out (counterclockwise) 1 turn.

#### FINAL SETTING -

- Start engine and allow to warm for five minutes. Make final adjustments with engine running and shift/motion control lever in neutral (N) position.
- With throttle control lever in fast position, turn main fuel adjusting needle in (clockwise) until engine begins to die then turn out (counterclockwise) until engine runs rough. Turn needle to a point midway between those two positions.
- Idle speed setting With throttle control lever in slow position, engine should idle at 1400 RPM. If engine idles too slow or fast, turn idle speed adjusting screw in or out until correct idle is attained.
- Idle fuel needle setting With throttle control lever in slow position, turn idle fuel adjusting needle in (clockwise) until engine begins to die and then turn out (counterclockwise) until engine runs rough. Turn needle to a point midway between those two positions
- · Recheck idle speed Readjust if necessary

#### **ACCELERATION TEST -**

 Move throttle control lever from slow to fast position. If engine hesitates or dies, turn idle mixture screw out (counterclockwise) 1/8 turn. Repeat test and continue to adjust, if necessary, until engine accelerates smoothly.

High speed stop is factory adjusted. Do not adjust-damage may result-

IMPORTANT: NEVER TAMPER WITH THE ENGINE GOVERNOR, WHICH IS FACTORY SET FOR PROPER ENGINE SPEED. OVERSPEEDING THE ENGINE ABOVE THE FACTORY HIGH SPEED SETTING CAN BE DANGEROUS. IF YOU THINK THE ENGINE-GOVERNED HIGH SPEED NEEDS ADJUSTING, CONTACT YOUR NEAREST AUTHORIZED SERVICE CENTER/DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAS PROPER EQUIPMENT AND EXPERIENCE TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS.

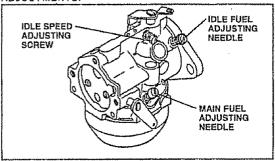


FIG. 36

### **STORAGE**

Immediately prepare your tractor for storage at the end of the season or if the tractor will not be used for 30 days or more.



CAUTION: Never store the tractor with gasoline in the tank Inside a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.

#### TRACTOR

Remove mower from tractor for winter storage When mower is to be stored for a period of time, clean it thoroughly, remove all dirt, grease, leaves, etc. Store in a clean, dry area.

- Clean entire tractor (See "CLEANING" in the Customer Responsibilities section of this manual).
- Inspect and replace belts, if necessary (See belt replacement instructions in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual).
- Lubricate as shown in the Customer Responsibilities section of this manual.
- Be sure that all nuts, bolts and screws are securely fastened. Inspect moving parts for damage, breakage and wear. Replace If necessary.
- Touch up all rusted or chipped paint surfaces; sand lightly before painting.

#### BATTERY

- · Fully charge the battery for storage.
- After a period of time in storage, battery may require recharging
- To help prevent corrosion and power leakage during long periods of storage, battery cables should be disconnected and battery cleaned thoroughly (see "TO CLEAN BATTERY AND TERMINALS" in the Customer Responsibilities section of this manual)
- After cleaning, leave cables disconnected and place cables where they cannot come in contact with battery terminals.
- · Be sure battery drain tube is securely attached.
- If battery is removed from tractor for storage, do not store battery directly on concrete or damp surfaces.

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#### **FUEL SYSTEM**

IMPORTANT: IT IS IMPORTANT TO PREVENT GUM DEPOSITS FROM FORMING IN ESSENTIAL FUEL SYSTEM PARTS SUCH AS CARBURETOR, FUEL FILTER, FUEL HOSE, OR TANK DURING STORAGE. ALSO, EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT ALCOHOL BLENDED FUELS (CALLED GASOHOL OR USING ETHANOL OR METHANOL) CAN ATTRACT MOISTURE WHICH LEADS TO SEPARATION AND FORMATION OF ACIDS DURING STORAGE. ACIDIC GAS CAN DAMAGE THE FUEL SYSTEM OF AN ENGINE WHILE IN STORAGE

- Drain the fuel tank
- Start the engine and let it run until the fuel lines and carburetor are empty.
- Never use engine or carburetor cleaner products in the fuel tank or permanent damage may occur.
- Use fresh fuel next season.

NOTE: Fuel stabilizer is an acceptable alternative in minimizing the formation of fuel gum deposits during storage. Add stabilizer to gasoline in fuel tank or storage container. Always follow the mix ratio found on stabilizer container. Bun engine at least 10 minutes after adding stabilizer to allow the stabilizer to reach the carburetor. Do not drain the gas tank and carburetor if using fuel stabilizer.

#### **ENGINE OIL**

Drain oil (with engine warm) and replace with clean engine oil. (See "ENGINE" in the Customer Responsibilities section of this manual).

#### CYLINDERS

- Remove spark plug(s).
- Pour one cunce of oil through spark plug hole(s) into cylinder(s).
- Turn ignition key to "START" position for a few seconds to distribute oil.
- Replace with new spark plug(s).

#### **OTHER**

- Do not store gasoline from one season to another.
- Replace your gasoline can if your can starts to rust. Rust and/or dirt in your gasoline will cause problems.
- If possible, store your tractor indoors and cover it to give protection from dust and dirt.
- Cover your tractor with a suitable protective cover that does not retain moisture. Do not use plastic. Plastic cannot breathe which allows condensation to form and will cause your tractor to rust.

IMPORTANT: NEVER COVER TRACTOR WHILE ENGINE AND EXHAUST AREAS ARE STILL WARM.

# TROUBLESHOOTING POINTS

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Will not start	1 Out of fuel 2. Engine not "CHOKED" property 3. Engine flooded. 4. Bad spark plug. 5. Dirty air filter. 6. Dirty fuel filter 7. Water in fuel 8. Loose or damaged wiring 9. Carburetor out of adjustment. 10. Engine valves out of adjustment.	1. Fill fuel tank. 2. See "TO START ENGINE" in Operation section. 3. Walt several minutes before attempting to start 4. Replace spark plug. 5. Clean/replace air litter 6. Replace fuel filter 7. Drain fuel tank and carburetor, refill tank with fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter. 8. Check all wiring. 9. See "To Adjust Carburetor" in Service Adjustments section. 10. Contact an authorized service center/department
Hard to start	1. Dirty air filter. 2. Bad spark plug 3. Weak or dead battery 4. Dirty fuel filter 5. Stale or dirty fuel 6. Loose or damaged wiring 7. Carburetor out of adjustment. 8. Engine valves out of adjustment.	Clean/replace air filter. Replace spark plug. Recharge or replace battery. Replace fuel filter. Drain fuel tank and retill with fresh gasoline Check all wiring. See "To Adjust Carburetor" in Service Adjustments section. Contact an authorized service center/department
Engine will not turn over	1. Clutch/brake pedal not depressed 2. Attachment clutch is engaged. 3. Weak or dead battery. 4. Blown fuse 5. Corroded battery terminals. 6. Loose or damaged wiring 7. Faulty ignition switch 8. Faulty solenold or starter. 9. Faulty operator presence switch(es)	Depress clutch/brake pedal Disengage attachment clutch. Rechatge or replace battery Replace fuse Clean battery terminals. Check all wiring Check/replace ignition switch Check/replace solenoid or starter Contact an authorized service center/department.
Engine clicks but will not start	Weak or dead battery.     Corroded battery terminals     Loose or damaged wiring.     Faulty solenoid or starter.	Recharge or replace battery     Clean battery terminals     Check all wiring     Check/replace solenoid or starter
Less of power	1. Culting too much grass/too fast. 2. Throttle in "CHOKE" position. 3. Build-up of grass, leaves and trash under mower 4. Dirty air filter. 5. Low oil level/dirty oil. 6. Faulty spark plug 7. Dirty fuel filter 8. State or dirty fuel 9. Water in fuel 10. Spark plug wire loose 11. Dirty engine air screen/fins 11. Dirty engine air screen/fins 12. Dirty/clogged mulfler. 13. Loose or damaged wiring. 14. Carburetor out of adjustment. 15. Engine valves out of adjustment.	1. Set in "Higher Cut" position/reduce speed. 2. Adjust throttle control. 3. Clean underside of mower housing. 4. Clean/replace air filter. 5. Check oil level/change oil. 6. Clean and regap or change spark plug. 7. Replace fuel filter. 8. Drain fuel tank and refill with fresh gasoline. 9. Drain fuel tank and carburator, refill tank with fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter. 10. Connect and lighten spark plug wire. 11. Clean engine air scraen/lins. 12. Clean/replace muffler. 13. Check all wiring. 14. See "To Adjust Carburetor" in Service Adjustments section. 15. Contact an authorized service center/department.
Excessive vibration	Worn, bent or loose blade     Bent blade mandrel.     Loose/damaged part(s)	Replace blade Tighten blade bolt     Replace blade mandrel.     Tighten loose part(s). Replace damaged parts

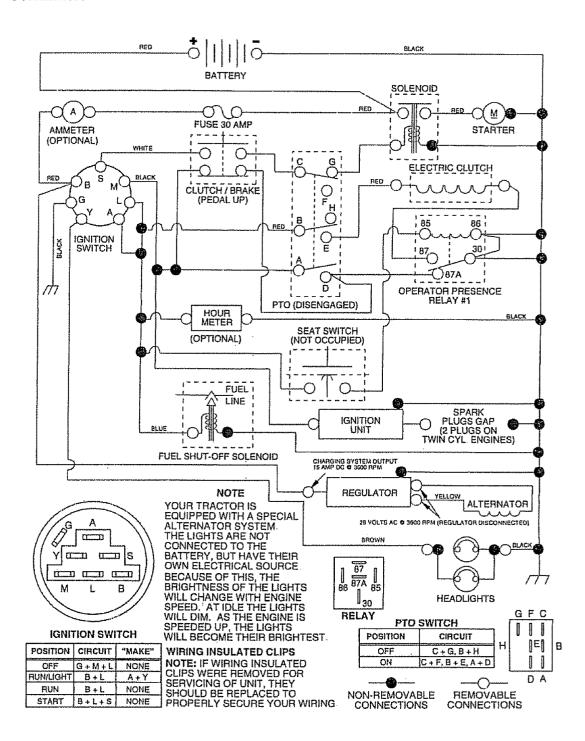
# TROUBLESHOOTING POINTS

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Engine continues to run whon operator leaves seat with attachment clutch engaged	t Faulty operator-safety presence control system.	Check wiring, switches and connections. If not corrected, contact an authorized service center/ department.
Poor cut - uneven	Worn, bent or loose blade     Mower deck not level.     Buildup of grass, leaves, and trash under mower.     Bent blade mandrel     Clogged mower deck vent holes from buildup of grass, leaves, and trash around mandrels.	Replace blade Tighten blade bolt     Level mower deck.     Clean underside of mower housing     Replace blade mandrel.     Clean around mandrels to open vent holes.
Mower blades will not rotate	Obstruction in clutch mechanism     Worn/damaged mower drive belt     Frozen idler pulley     Frozen blade mandrel	Remove obstruction     Replace mower drive belt.     Replace idler pulley.     Replace blade mandrel
Poor grass discharge	1 Engine speed too slow 2 Travel speed too fast. 3 Wet grass. 4 Mower deck not level 5 Low/uneven tire air pressure. 6 Worn, bent or loose blade. 7 Buildup of grass, leeves and trash under mower. 8 Mower drive belt worn. 9 Blades Improperly installed. 10 Improper blades used. 11 Clogged mower deck vent holes from buildup of grass, leaves, and trash around mandrels.	Place throttle control in "FAST" position Shift to slower speed. Allow grass to dry before mowing Level mower deck Check tires for proper air pressure. Replace/sharpen blade Tighten blade bolt Clean underside of mower housing Heplace mower drive belt. Reinstall blades sharp edge down. Replace with blades listed in this manual Clean around mandrels to open vent holes
Headlight(s) not working (If so equipped)	1 Switch is "OFF" 2 Bulb(s) burned out 3 Faulty light switch. 4 Loose or damaged wiring. 5 Blown fuse.	Tum switch "ON". Replace bulb(s). Check/replace light switch. Check wiring and connections Replace fuse.
Battery will not charge	Bed battery cell(s)     Poor cable connections.     Faulty regulator (if so equipped)     Faulty alternator	Replace battery     Check/clean all connections     Replace regulator     Replace allemator.
Loss of drive	Freewheel control in "disengaged" position     Motion drive belt worn, damaged, or broken.     Air trapped in transmission during shipment or servicing	Place freewheel control in "engaged" position.     Replace motion drive belt.     Purge transmission.
Engine "backfires" when turning engine "OFF"	Engine throttle control not set at "SLOW" position for 30 seconds before slopping engine.	Move throttle control to "SLOW" position and allow to idle for 30 seconds before stopping engine

# **SERVICE NOTES**

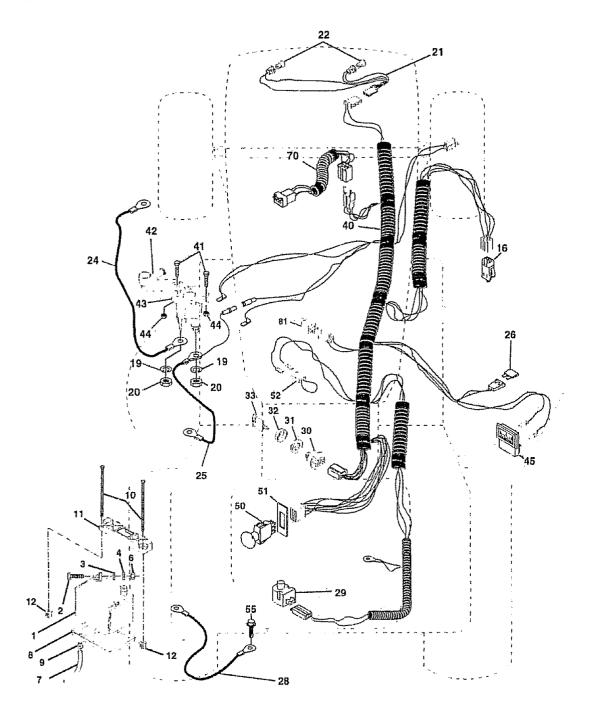
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#### **SCHEMATIC**



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### ELECTRICAL



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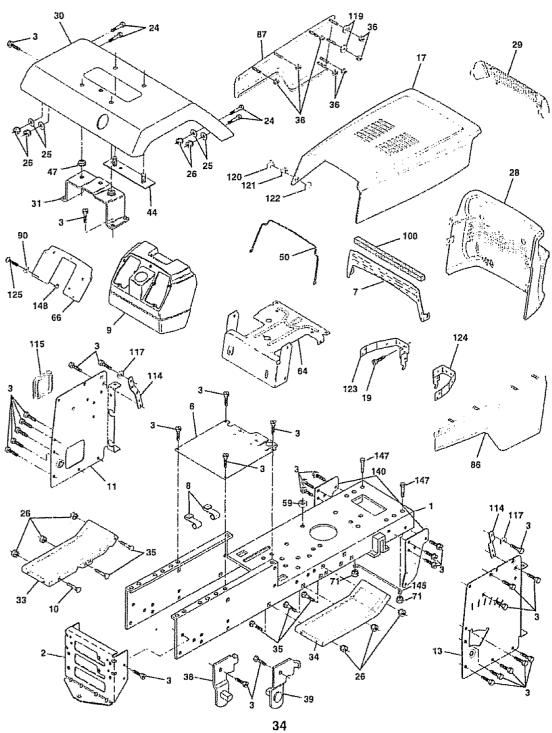
#### ELECTRICAL

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	144926	Baltery
2 3 4 6 7	74760412	Bolt, Hex 1/4-20 UNC x 3/4 Washer
.⊃ .4	STD551025 STD551125	Washer
6	STD541025	Nut
7	7697J	Tube, Plastic
ė	7603J	Tray, Battery
	109596X	Clamp, Hose
	145211	Bolt, Btr. Frt 1/4-20 x 7.5
11	150109	Holddown Btr. Dash
12	145769	Nut, Push Nylon 1/4" Battery
16	145769 153664 STD551125	Switch Interlock Push-In
19.	STD551125	Washer, Lock
20	73350400	Nut, Hex, Jam 1/4-20 UNC
	136850	Hamess, Light Socket W/4152J
	4152J 4799J	Bulb, Light Cable Battery
25	4799J 14614B	Cable, Battery
28	146148 108824X	Fuse
28	145491	Cable, Ground
29	160784	Switch, Plunger
30	140301	Switch, Ignition
31	124211X	Nut, Ignition
32	141226	Cover, Ignition Switch
33	109310X 160721	Key, Ignition
40	160721	Harness, Ignition
41	71110408	Bolt Blk Fin. Hex 1/4-20 UNC x 1/2
	131563	Cover, Terminal
	145673	Solenoid Nut, Keps Blk. Hex 1/4-20 UNC
	73640400	Ammeter Rectangular 15 Amp
50	122822X 154963	Switch PTO 3 Pot Red Delta
51	140405	Ring Retainer PTO
52	141940	Wire Loop
	17490508	Screw Thdrol 5/16-18 x 1/2 TYT
	140427	Harness Engine Koh 18 TWN 15 AR
81	109748X	Relay Asm

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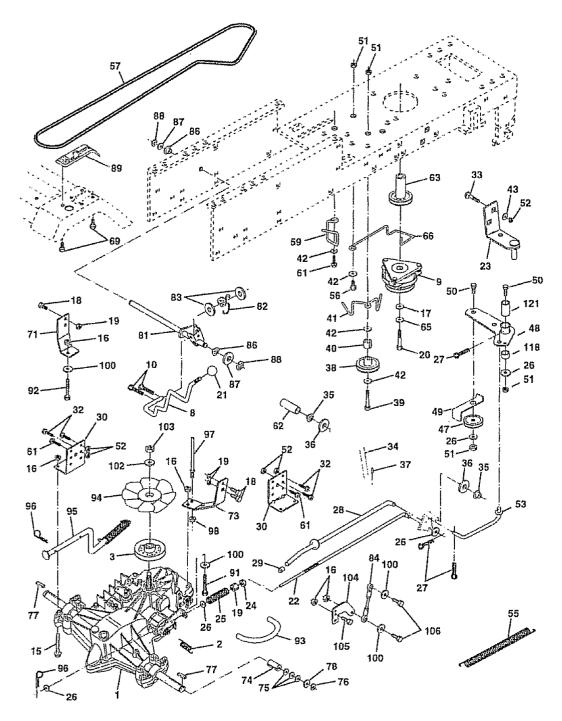
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124 125 140	157105 157107 74180412 158418 156524 74760412 8022J	Brackel, Weldment Plvot Hood, LH Brackel, Weldment Plvot Hood, RH Screw, Machine 1/4-20 x 3/4 Bracket Suspension Front Rod Pivot Chassis/Hood Bolt Hex Hd 1/4-20unc x 3/4 Plug Dash Blk 500 Dia E. Lift

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### DRIVE



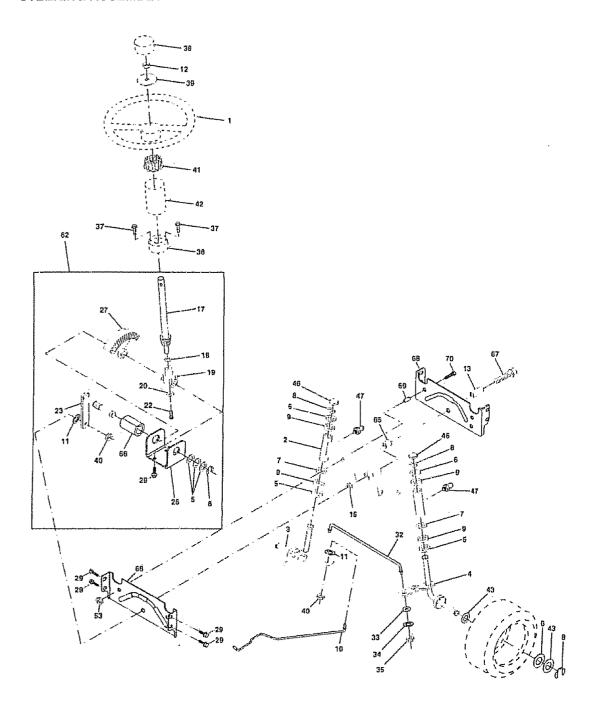
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#### DRIVE

KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION		PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
	Transaxle Assembly Spring, Brake Return Pulley, Transaxle Rod, Shifter Clutch, Electric Pin, Cotter 1/8 x 1 Bolt, Hex Fighd 5/16-18 Gr. 5 Nut Lock Hx W/ins 5/16-18unc Washer 15/32 x 1-3/4 x 1/4 Bolt Fin Hex 3/8-16 UNC x 1 Gr. 5 Locknut 3/8-16 Bolt, Hex 7/16-20 x 4-1/4 Knob Rod, Brake Bracket Assembly, Clutch Nut, Hex Jam 3/8-16 Spring, Rod, Brake Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 16 Gauge Pin, Cotter 1/8 x 3/4 Rod, Brake, Park Cap, Plunger Bracket, Transaxle, L.H. Botl, Hex Hd 5/16-18 UNC x 3/4 Bolt, Carriage 5/16-18 x 3/4 Shaft, Foot Pedal Bearing Nylon Washer 21/32 x 1 x 16 Gauge Pin,Roll 3/16 x 1 Idler, Flat Bolt, Hex 3/8-16 x 2-3/4 Spacer Keeper, Belt Idler Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 12 Gauge Washer 11/32 x 5/8 x 12 Gauge Pulley, Idler Beltcrank, Asm. Clutch Retainer, Belt Bolt, Hex 3/8-16 x 1-1/2	57 140 59 140 61 174 62 886 63 856 65 STI 66 154 69 142 73 156 74 121 75 121 76 120 77 123 78 121	0294 0312 490612 93R 0189 D551143 4778 2432 0158 6347 1199X 1749X 000001 3583X 1748X 6046 3782X 171216 0548 1000008 1146 112016 000008 1146 1146 1146 1146 1160 1160 111216 1112	V-Belt, Drive Retainer, Belt Screw Thdrol 3/8-16 x 3/4 Cover, Foot Pedal Pulley, Engine Washer, Lock Hvy Hicl Spr 7/16 Keeper Belt Engine Screw Strap Torque Lh Hydro 18/20"T Strap Torque Rh Hydro 18/20"T Spacer, Split Washer 25/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Ga E-Ring Key Square Washer 25/32 x 1-5/8 x 16 Ga Shaft asm Cross 20" tires 650 Hydro Spring, Torsion Washer 17/32 x 3/4 x 16 Gauge Rod, Tie Bushing, Rod, Steering Washer 21/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Gauge Ring, Klip Console, 6 Speed Bolt Fin Hex 5/16-18 x 2-1/4 Bolt Fin Hex 5/16-18 UNC x 1-1/2 Line Fuel Hydro 4" Fan, Hydro 7" Control Bypass Hydro 20" Tires Retainer Spring 1" Zinc/Cad Keeper Bolt Rh Hydro 0750 18/20" Nut Keps Hex 3/8-16 UNC Washer 11/32 x 3/4 x 16 Ga. Washer Bellville .501D x 1.50D Nut Hex Jam Toplock 1/2-20 UNF Arm, Control Hydro Screw Cap Hex 5/16-18 UNC x 1-1/4 Spacer Bellcrank Nyliner Clutching Sti
53 105710X 55 105709X 56 74760620	Link, Clutch Spring, Return, Clutch Bolt, Fin. Hex 3/8-16 UNC x 1-1/4	NOTE: A		ent dimensions given in U.S. inches

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#### STEERING ASSEMBLY



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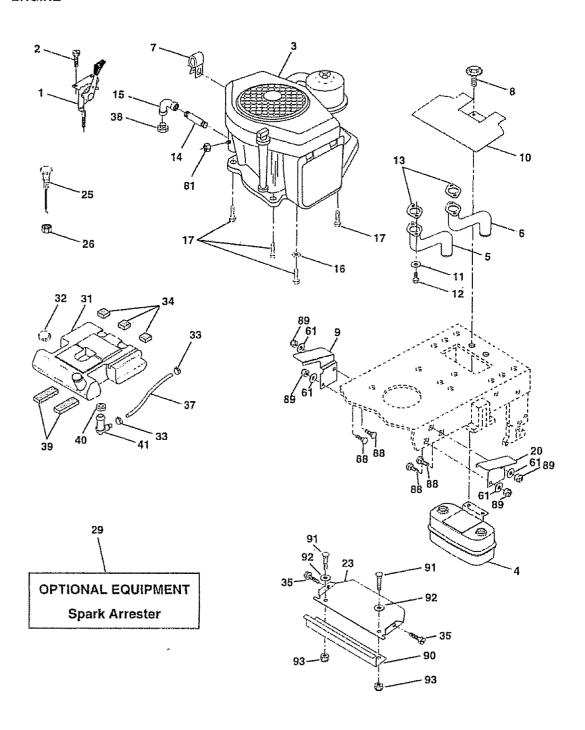
#### STEERING ASSEMBLY

1 121472X Steering Wheel 2 154427 Axle Assembly, Front 3 156483 Spindle Assembly, LH 4 157473 Spindle Assembly, LH 5 6266H Bearing, Race, Thrust, Hardened 6 121748X Washer 25/32 x 1-5/8 x 16 Gauge 7 19272016 Washer 27/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Gauge 8 12000029 Filing, Klip 9 3366F Bearing 10 156438 Link, Drag 11 STD551137 Washer, Lock Nut, Hex, Jam Toplock 1/2-20 UNF 12 73940800 Nut, Hex, Jam, w/Washer Insent 5/8-11 UNC 17 156543 Shaft Assembly, Steering 18 57079 Washer, Thrust 515 x 750 x 033 19 124035X Support, Shaft 20 126684X Washer, Shim 1/4 x 5/8 x 062 27 1200410 Screw Hex Socket 1/4-20 x 2-3/4 23 127501 Shaft Assembly, Pittman 25 154406 Bracket, Steering Gear, Sector	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
5/8-11 UNC Shaft Assembly, Steering Washer, Thrust 515 x 750 x 033 19 124035X Support, Shaft 20 126684X Washer, Shim 1/4 x 5/8 x 062 22 71200410 Screw Hex Socket 1/4-20 x 2-3/4 23 127501 Shaft Assembly, Pittman 25 154406 Bracket, Steering 27 136874 Gear, Sector	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	154427 156483 157473 6266H 121748X 19272016 12000029 3366R 156438 STD551137 73940800 154779	Axle Assembly, Front Spindle Assembly, LH Spindle Assembly, LH Spindle Assembly, RH Bearing, Race, Thrust, Hardened Washer 25/32 x 1-5/8 x 16 Gauge Washer 27/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Gauge Ring, Klip Bearing Link, Drag Washer, Lock Nut, Hex, Jam Toplock 1/2-20 UNF Bearing, Axle
29 17490612 Screw, Indiol 3/8-16 x 3/4 32 139929 Tie Rod 33 19111216 Washer 11/32 x 3/4 x 16 Ga. 34 STD551131 Washer Lock Hvy Hild Spr. 5/16 35 73810500 Locknut 5/16-24 UNF 36 145207 Bushing, Steering 37 152927 Screw TT #10-32 5 3/8 Flange 38 126805X Insert, Cap, Steering Wheel 39 100712K Washer .53 x 2.25 x .160 40 STD541537 Nut Lock Center 3/8-24 UNF 41 100711L Adapter, Steering Wheel 42 140216 Column, Steering 43 121749X Washer .53 x 2.25 x .160 44 121232X Cap, Spindle 45 12149X Washer .5/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Gauge 46 121232X Cap, Spindle 47 6855M Fitting, Grease 53 73680600 Nut, Crownlock 3/8-16 UNC 62 156595 Kit, Steering Assembly 65 154780 Spacer Axle 66 154404 Bearing Arm Pittman 67 74781044 Bolt Fin Hex 5/8-11 UNC x 2-3/4	15 11890233579233456789011232235792334566789041236656666666666666666666666666666666666	73901000  156543 57079 124035X 126684X 71200410 127501 154406 136874 17490612 139929 19111216 STD551131 73810500 145207 152927 126805X 100712K STD541537 100711L 140216 121749X 121232X 6855M 73680600 156595 154780 154404	Locknut, Hex, Jam, w/Washer Insert 5/8-11 UNC Shaft Assembly, Steering Washer, Thrust .515 x .750 x 033 Support, Shaft Washer, Shim 1/4 x 5/8 x .062 Screw Hex Socket 1/4-20 x 2-3/4 Shaft Assembly, Pittman Bracket, Steering Gear, Sector Screw, Thdrol 3/8-16 x 3/4 Tie Rod Washer 11/32 x 3/4 x 16 Ga. Washer Lock Hvy Hilcl Spr. 5/16 Locknut 5/16-24 UNF Bushing, Steering Screw TT #10-32 5 3/8 Flange Insert, Cap, Steering Wheel Washer .53 x 2.25 x .160 Nut Lock Center 3/8-24 UNF Adapter, Steering Wheel Column, Steering Washer .25/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Gauge Cap, Spindle Fitting, Grease Nut, Crownlock 3/8-16 UNC Kit, Steering Assembly Spacer Axle Bearing Arm Pittman

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#### ENGINE



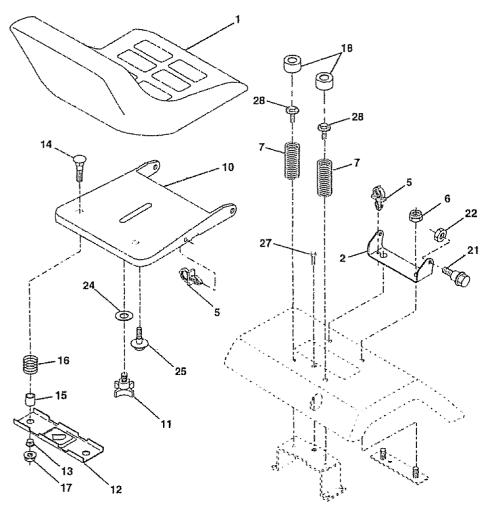
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#### **ENGINE**

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
	132755 17720410	Control, Throttle Screw, Hex Head, Thread Cutting 1/4-20 x 5/8
3		Engine (See Breakdown) Kohler Model No.
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 20 23 25 26 29 31	149723 136215 136216 138129 150176 156425 145552 975551131 74570512 13280336 13200300 13200300 151237 17490624 156426 156123 138672 73920600 137180 151346	MV18S-PS58560 Muffler, Asm. Twin Lo-Tone Tube Manifold LH Kohler MV18 Tube Manifold RH Kohler MV18 Clamp Tube Double Engine Bolt 5/16-18 UNC x 3/4 w/Sems Shield Heat Browning LH Shield Heat Browning LH Shield Heat Washer Lock Hvy HLCL Spr. 5/16 Screw Hex Skt 5/16 UNV x 3/4 Gasket (Order From Engine Manufacturer) Nipple, Pipe Eibow, Standard 90°, 3/8-18 NPT Washer, Lock Screw Thdrol 3/8-16 x 1-1/2 TT Shield Heat Browning RH Shield, Browning Control Choke Nut Keps 3/8-24 UNF Arrester, Spark Tank, Fuel
33	152334 123487X 106082X 17490512	Cap Assembly, Fuel Clamp, Hose Spacer, Pad
37 8	17490512 8543R	Screw Thdrol 5/16-18 x 3/4 TYT Line, Fuel Plug, Oil Drain (Order From Engine Manufacturer)
40 3 41 61 61 68 68 69 69 69 69 69 69 69 69 69 69 69 69 69	109227X 3645J 139277 19111216 128861 72110506 73800500 159520 71110408	Spacer Pad Bushing Slem, Fuel Tank Washer 11/32 x 3/4 x 16 Ga. Nut Flange 1/4-20 Starter Nut Bolt Rdhd Sqnk 5/16-18 UNC x 3/4 Nut, Lock Hex w/ins 5/16-18 UNC Guard Debris Bolt Elk Fin Hex 1/4-20 UNC x 1/2
		Washc 9/32 x 5/8 x 16 Ga. Nut Lock 1/4 Lge Flg Gr. 5

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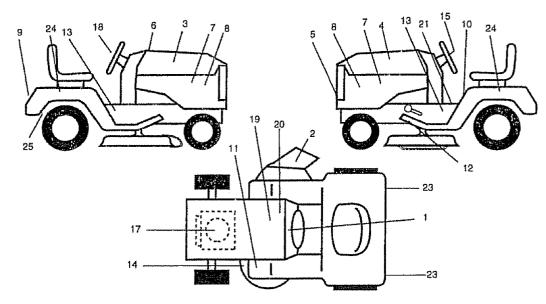
#### **SEAT ASSEMBLY**



KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.		DESCRIPTION
1 25 6 7 10 11 12 13 14 15	140123 140551 145006 STD541437 124181X 155925 120068X 121246X 121246X 72050412 134300	Seat Bracket, Pivot, Seat Clip Push-In Nut, Lock Hex w/Ins. 3/8-16 UNC Spring, Seat Pan, Seat Knob, Seat Bracket, Switch Mounting Bushing, Snap, Nylon Bolt, Carriage 1/4-20 x 1-1/2 Spacer, Split	16 17 18 21 22 24 25 27 28 NOT	121250X 123976X 124238X 153236 STD541431 19171912 127018X 17490608 150176 TE: All compor	Spring Nut, Flangelock 1/4 Grade 5 Cap, Spring, Seat Bolt, Shoulder 5/16-18 UNC - 2A Nut Washer 17/32 x 1-3/16 x 12 Gauge Bolt, Shoulder 5/16-18 x .62 Screw Thdrol. 3/8-16 x 1/2 Bolt 5/16-18 x 3/4 w/Sems nent dimensions given in U.S. inches

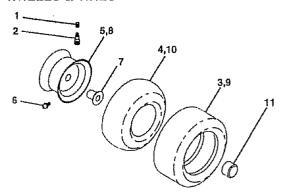
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#### **DECALS**



KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
12345678901123	156835 156787 160291 160292 151400 133644 138048 142243 146709 156439 4900J 146046 151401	Decal, Operating Instruction Decal, Deck Mower, EZ3 Decal, Hood, Craftsman, RH Decal, Hood, Craftsman, LH Decal, Grille Decal, Grille Decal, Side Panel Decal, Side Panel Decal, Fender, Craftsman Decal, Caution Decal, Clutch/Brake Decal, V-Belt Drive Schematic Decal, Chassis, 46" Hydro Srs. Polo	14 15 17 18 19 20 21 23 24 25	160397 150333 52-113-50 146710 138047 149516 140837 106202X 149918 142341 138311 145246 145247 161000 161001	Decal, V-Belt Schematic Decal, Cap Cnsmr Help Line Srs. Decal, HP Engine Decal, Insert Strg Decal, Battery Decal, Btry, Dngr/Psn. Eng. Acme Decal, Brake Parking Saddle Reflector, Taillight Decal, Fend Auto Trans Decal, Drawbar Cntrl Mvt Decal, Handle Lift Height Adj. Pad Footrest Fastener Pop-In Footrest Manual, Owner's (Eng) Manual, Owners (Span)

#### WHEELS & TIRES

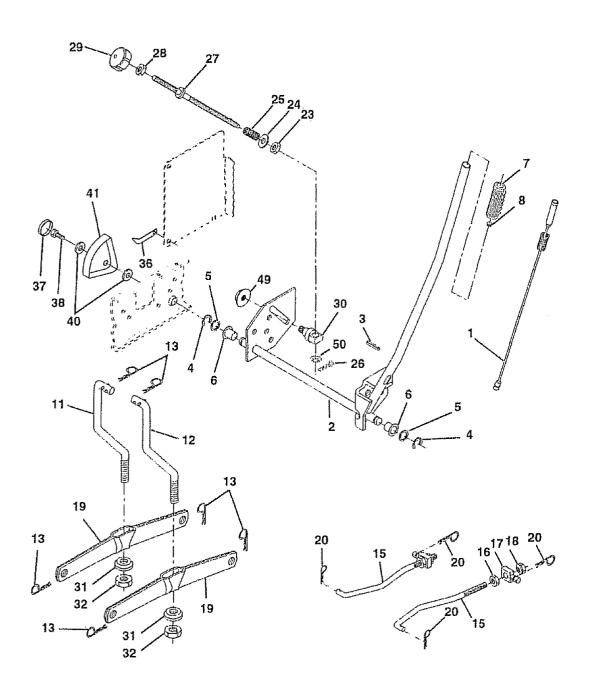


KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	59192	Cap, Valve, Tire
2	65139	Stem, Valve
2	106222X	Tire, Front
4 5	59904	Tube, Front (Service Item Only)
5	106732X427	Rim Assembly, Front
6	278H	Fitting, Grease (Front Wheel Only)
7	9040H	Bearing, Flange (Front Wheel Only)
8	106108X427	Rim Assembly, Rear
9	122082X	Tire, Rear
10	7152J	Tube, Rear (Service Item Only)
11	104757X	Cap, Axle
~ •	144334	Sealant, Tire (10 oz. Tube)

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MOWER LIFT



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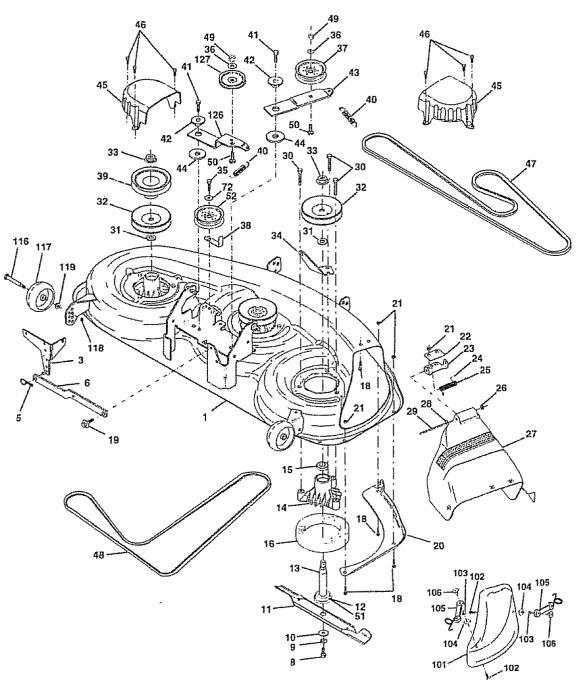
#### MOWER LIFT

KEY NO.		DESCRIPTION
1	159461	Wire Asm., Inner w/plunger
2	159476	Shaft Asm Lift
3	138284	Pln Groove
4	12000002	E Ring #5133-62
5	19211621	Washer 21/32 X 1 X 21 Ga
6	120183X	Bearing Nylon
2345678	125631X	Grip Handle Fluted
	122365X	Button, Plunger
11	139865	Link Lift Lh
12	139866	Link Lift Rh
13	STD624008 127218	Retainer Spring Link Front
10	73350800	Nut Jam Hex 1/2-13 Unc
17	130171	Trunnion Blk Zinc
18	73800800	Nut Lock W/Wsh 1/2-13 Unc
19	139868	Arm Suspension Rear
2563	CH PROMITING	Spring Retainer
23	110807X 19131016 137150 76020308 137167 73350600 138057	Nut Special
24	19131016	Washer 13/32 X 5/8 X 16 Ga
25	137150	Spring"
26	76020308	Pin Cotter 3/32 x 1/2
27	137167	Rod Adjust Lift
28	73350600	Nut Hex Jam 3/8-16 Unc
29	138057	Knob Infinite 3/8-16 Unc Black
SIL	130233	Trunnlon Infin Height
31	140302	Bearing Pvt. Lift Spherical
32	73540600	Nut, Crownlock 3/8-24
36	155097	Pointer, Height Indicator
37	123935X	Plug, Hole
38	17490512	Screw Thdrol 5/16-18 x 3/4
40	19112410 123934X	Washer 11/32 x 1-1/2 x 10 Gauge
49		Scale, Height Indicator Nut Hex Flange Lock
49 50		Nut Push Phos & Oil
90	110452X	NULTUSH FIND OLVII

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#### **MOWER DECK**



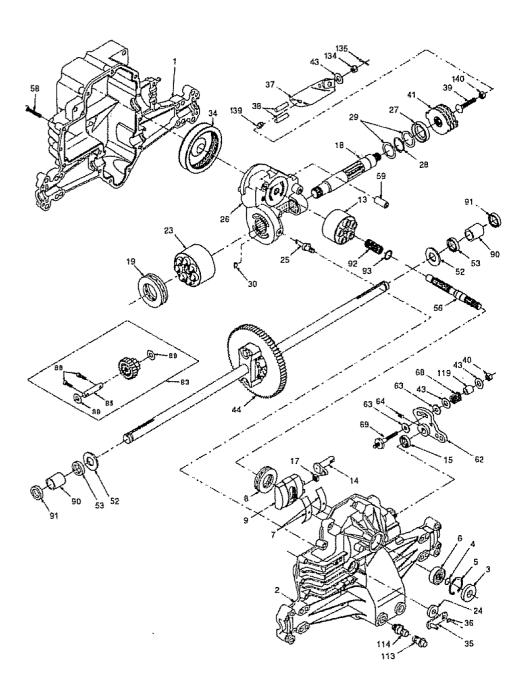
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#### MOWER DECK

3 138457 Bracket Asm., Sway Bar 40 137 5 STD624008 Retainer Spring 41 174 6 130832 Arm, Suspension, Rear (Sway Bar) 42 122 8 850857 Bolt, Patched 3/8-24 x 1-1/4 Gr. 8 43 144 9 STD551137 Washer, Lock Hvy., Unplated 3/8 44 133 10 140296 Washer, Hard Blade, Mower 45 144 Vented 46 137 11 152443 Blade, 46" Mower Deck 47 144	PART NO. DESCRIPTION
13 137553 Shaft Asm. w/Lower Bearing 49 ST (Includes Key No. 12) 50 72 14 137152 Housing, Mandrel 51 155 110485X Bearing, Ball, Mandrel 52 156 140329 Stripper, Mower Round 72 19	4917 Pulley, Idler, Driven 7273 Spring, Secondary 44/46/50 Vent 890620 Screw, Thdroll 3/8-16 x 1-1/4 Tytt 2052X Spacer, Retainer 4949 Arm, Idler Secondary 3943 Washer, Hardened 5059 Cover, Mandrel Deck 7729 Screw, Thdroll. 1/4-20 x 5/8 4959 V-Belt, Mower, Secondary 9573 V-Belt, Mower, Primary D541437 Nut, Crownlock 3/8-16 UNC 110612 Bolt, Carriage 3/8-16 x 1-1/2 Gr. 5 3990 Washer Felt Fulley Idler 131616 Washer 13/32 x 1 x 16 Ga
19 132827 Bolt, Hex Head, Shoulder 5/16-18 102 711 20 145055 Baffle, Vortex Mower 46" 103 100 21 STD541431 Nut, Crownlock 5/16-18 UNC 104 190 22 134753 Sliffiner, Bracket 105 160 202 131267 Bracket, Deflector 106 202 24 105304X Cap, Sleeve 116 137 25 149287 Spring, Torsion, Deflector 117 135 27 157788 Shield, Deflector Mower 118 739 27 157788 Shield, Deflector Mower 119 191 28 19111016 Washer 11/32 x 5/8 x 16 Ga 126 144 29 131491 Rod, Hinge 127 146 30 157722 Screw, Thd Rolling Washer Head 31 129963 Washer, Spacer Mower Vented 32 153531 Pulley, Mandrel 33 137266 Nut, Fig. Top Lock Cntr. 9/16 34 144945 Anchor, Spring Deck 46" 145 36 STD551037 Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 16 Ga.	161010 Screw 171000 Washer, Lock #10 161216 Washer 1793 Lalch Asm. Bagger 1793 Nut, Weld 17644 Bolt, Shoulder 17957 Gauge Wheel, Wide 17957 Washer 3/8 x 7/8 x 14 Ga. 17948 Arm, Idler, Primary Deck 46"

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HYDRO TRANSAXLE - MODEL NUMBER 310-0650

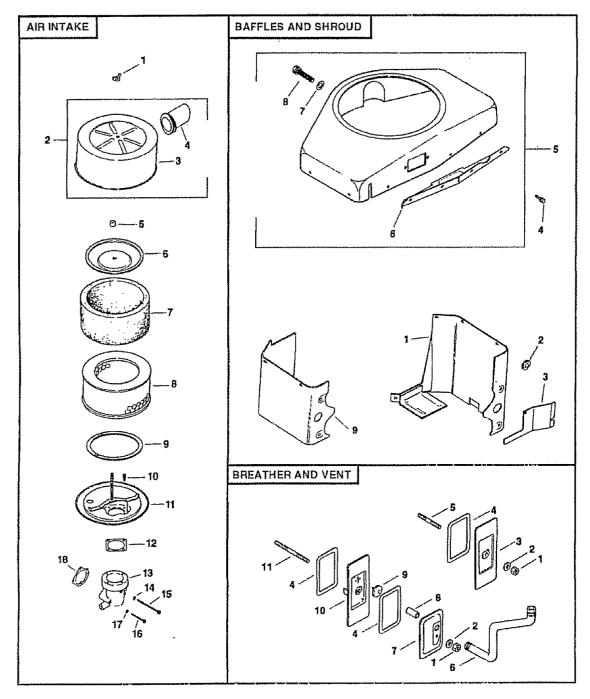


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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	142930	Housing, Lower	43	142884	Washer 7/16 x 7/8 x 060
ż	142931	Assembly, Upper Housing	44	150829	Differential Assembly
3	142932	Seal, Lip	52	142991	Washer 3/4 x 1.5 x .13
4	142928	Ring, Wire Retaining	53	142961	Seal .75 x 1 25 x .250
5	142933	Ring, Retaining	56	142963	Shaft, Input
6	142934	Bearing, Shaft Ball	58	142964	Bolt 1/4-20 x 1.38
7	142935	Bearing, Cradle	59	142965	Pin 5 OD x 43 ID x 750
8	150771	Bearing, Thrust 30 x 52 x 13	62		Arm, Control
9	142937	Swashplate, Variable	63		Puck, Dampener
13	142938	Block, Cylinder Assembly	64		Set Screw
14	142939	Arm, Trunnlon	68	142969	Spring
	142940	Seal, Lip	69	144610	Stud 5/16-24
17	142941	Guide, Slot	83	142971	Jackshalt Assembly
	150772	Shalt, Motor	85	150806	Jackshalt
19	150773	Bearing, Thrust 42 x 68 x 16	88		Screw, Cap
	142944	Block, Cylinder Assembly	89		Washer 7/16 x 1 x 1/2
	142945	Seal, Lip 10 x 25 x 7	90	142975	Sleeve Bearing
	142946	Actuator, Bypass	91	142976	Seal, Wiper
	150774	Center Section Assembly Kit	92	142977	Spring, Block
	142948	Seal, Llp 26 x 42 x 8		142978	Washer, Block Thrust
	142949	Ring, Retaining			Cap, Vent Assembly
	142950	Washer 26 x 35 x 1		142918	Fitting, O-Ring Assembly
	150787	Plate, Bypass		142980	Spacer
	142951	Oil Filter Element		144607	Nut, Castle 5/16-24
	142952	Arm, Bypass		144608	Pin, Cotter
	142953	Ring, Retaining		150775	Spring, Compression
37	142954	Arm, Actuating	140	150776	Nut, Hex 5/16-24
	142955	Pin, Actuating			. 11
	150777	Bolt 5/16-24 x 1-3/4	NOT		nt dimensions given in U.S. inches
		Locknut, Hex 5/16-24 UNJC		1 inch = 25.4	ł mm
41	142958	Brake Rotor/Stator Kit			

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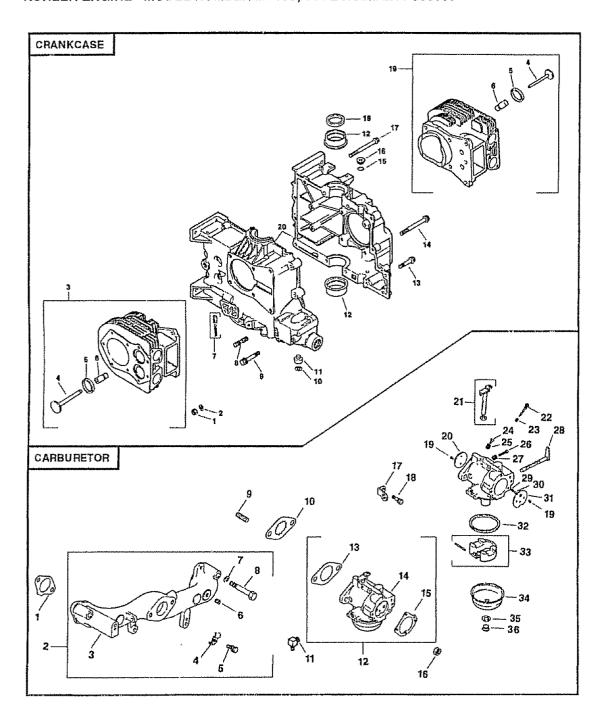


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KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 NOT	NO.  X-276-7 52-755-83  52-096-35 52-123-21Tube, 231032 52-082-04 45-083-01 45-083-02 237423 X-67-98  52-201-06 277093 52-054-39 X-50-57 X-50-57 X-22-9 25-041-06 ILLUSTRATED 25-113-15 52-113-30	Wing Nut 1/4-20 Kil, Cover and Tube (Includes Key Numbers 3 and 4) Cover, Air Cleaner Air Intake Seal, Element Cover Cover, Alr Cleaner Element Pre-Cleaner Element Seal, Air Cleaner Cover Screw, Hex Washer Head #10-32 x 9/16 (4) Base, Air Cleaner Gasket, Air Cleaner Gasket, Air Cleaner (2) Elbow, Air Intake Washer, Plain #10 Screw, Slotted Pan Head #10-32 x 2-1/4 Screw, Slotted Pan Head #10-32 x 1-3/4 (2) Washer, Lock, Internal Tooth #10 (2) Gasket, Air Cleaner Elbow  Decal, Air Cleaner	1 2 3 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 NOT BRE KEY NO. 1 2 2 3 4 4 5 6	52-063-41 52-313-05 52-063-42 X-67-83 52-755-70 52-217-01 52-468-16 52-086-11 52-124-23 ILLUSTRATED 52-113-46 ATHER & VENT PART NO. X-81-1 X-25-12 52-096-18 52-055-01 X-352-39 52-326-12	Balfle, #2 Cylinder Head Grommet (2) Balfle, Fuel Pump Screw, Hex Washer Head 1/4-20 x 7/16 (14) Kit, Blower Housing (Includes Key Numbers 6 thru 8) Support. Upper Housing Washer, Flat (2) Screw 1/4-20 x 5/8 (6) Balfle, #1 Cylinder Head  Decal, Horsepower (3)  DESCRIPTION  Nut, Hex 1/4-20 (2) Washer, Plain 1/4 (2) Cover, #2 Cylinder Valve Gasket, Cover (3) Stud, #2 Cylinder Valve Cover 1/4-20 x 2-1/4 Hose, Breather
			7 8 9 10 11	52-462-01	Cover, #1 Upper Cylinder Valve Seal, Breather Valve, Umbrella Cover, #1 Lower Cylinder Valve Stud, #1 Cylinder Valve Cover 1/4-20 x 3-1/4

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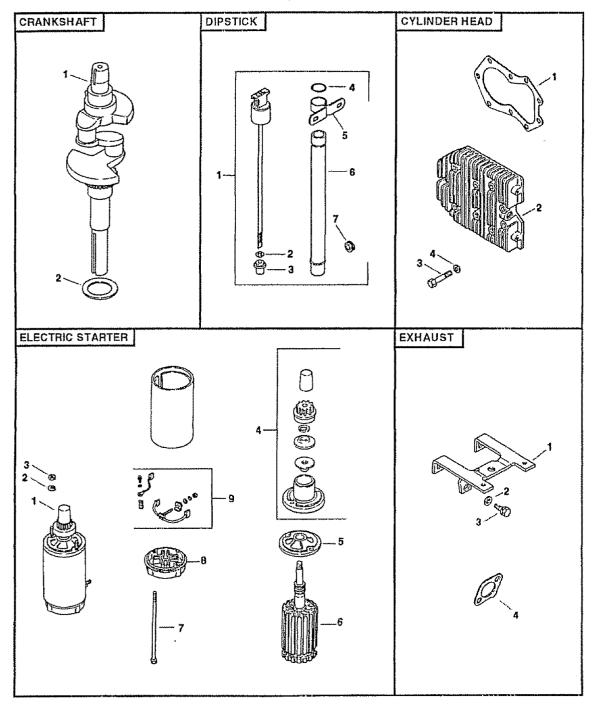
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# KOHLER ENGINE - MODEL NUMBER MV18S, TYPE NUMBER PS58560

CRANKCASE				CARBURETOR			
	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		
1 2 3	X-82-2 52-468-12 82-755-16	Nut, Hex 5/16-18 (12) Washer, Flat 5/16 (12) Kit, #1 Cylinder Barrel	1 2	52-041-09 52-755-91	Gasket, Intake (2) Kit, Manifold (Includes Key Numbers 3 thru 8)		
4 5 8 7	52-016-05 52-031-01 52-316-06 52-755-50 52-072-12	(Includes Key Numbers 4 thru 6) Valve, Exhaust Insert, Valve Seat (2) Guide, Valve (2) Kit, Oll Relief Step Stud 5/16-18 x 3/4,	3 4 5 6	52-164-15 X-21-1 X-6-29 X-75-23 235778	Manifold, Intake Washer, Lock 5/16 (4) Screw, Hex Cap 5/16-18 x 2 (4) Plug, Hex, Countersunk 1/8 N.P.T.F. Clamp, Cable (2)		
9 10 11 12	25-086-12 X-269-43 52-078-05 52-030-10 52-030-11 52-030-12	3/8-16 x 5/6, 2" Long (12) Screw, Hex Flange 5/16-18 x 2 (2) Ring, Retaining Shait, Governor Bearing, Sleeve, Standard (2) Bearing, Sleeve .010" (2) Bearing, Sleeve .020" (2)	9 10 11 12	X-67-97 41-072-19 52-063-40 25-155-02 62-853-25	Screw, Hex Washer Head #10-24 x 3/8 (2) Stud 5/16-18 x 1 (2) Ballle, Carburetor Connector, Hose Kit, Carburetor with Gasket (Includes Key Numbers 12 Ihru 14)		
13 14	25-086-10 25-086-13	Screw, Hex Flange 5/16-18 x 1-1/2 (3) Screw, Hex Flange	13 14	271030 52-053-54	Gesket, Carburetor (2) Carburetor Assembly (Information Only Not Available Separately) (Includes		
15 16 17	52-141-02 52-139-08 25-086-11	3/8-16 x 3-5/8 (2) O-Ring Plug Screw, Hex Flange 5/16-18 x 3-1/2 (8)	15 16 17 18	25-041-06 X-77-2 232867 X-67-62	Key Numbers 18 thru 35) Gasket, Air Cleaner Nut 5/16 (2) Strap, Lifting Screw, Hex Washer Head		
18 19 20	52-032-10 82-755-17	Seal, Oil, Front Kit, #2 Cylinder Barrel Kit, #2 Cylinder Barrel (Includes Key Numbers 4 thru 6) Crankcase (Service with Short Block, Part Number 82 522 30)	22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	25-086-27 26-146-03 52-144-24 25-368-01 25-089-02 25-086-26 25-089-04 25-368-03 25-069-02 5-090-13 25-090-13 25-194-01 25-146-02 25-041-04	1/4-20 x 3/4 Screw, Throttle and Choke Plate (4) Plate, Choke Shaft, Throttle with Lever and Seal Needle, Idle Fuel Adjust Spring, Idle, Fuel Screw, Idle Speed Adjust Spring, Idle Speed Needle, Main Fuel Spring, Main Fuel Lever, Choke Spring, Choke, Friction Ball, Choke, Friction Plate, Throttle Gasket, Bowl Kit, Float		
			34 35 36		Rit, Float Bowl, Fuel Gasket. Bowl Retainer Screw Screw, Bowl Retainer  Kit, Carburetor Repair Kit, Bowl Baffle		

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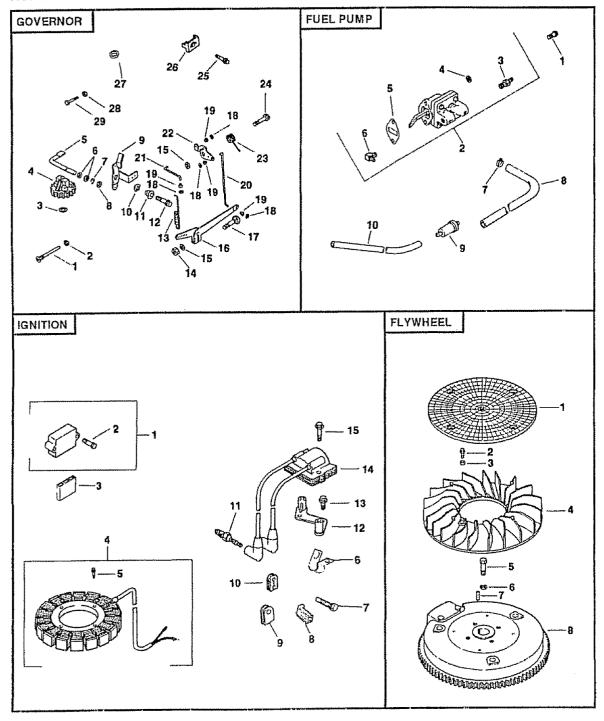
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CRA	NKSHAFT		ELECTRIC STARTER		
	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1 2	52-014-93 52-468-03 52-468-04 52-468-05	Crankshaft Washer, Thrust 119/.122 (A.R.) Washer, Thrust 128/.131 Washer, Thrust .137/.140 (A.R.)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	52-098-12 X-20-1 X-81-1 82-755-26 52-081-07 52-170-05	Starter Assembly (Includes Key Numbers 4 thru 9) Washer, Lock 1/4 (2) Nut, Hex 1/4-20 (2) Kit, Drive Cep, Drive End Armature
	PART	DESCRIPTION	7 8 9	52-211-01 52-227-10 82-755-28	Bolt, Thru (2) Cap, Commutator End Kit, Brush
1 2 3	52-038-14 X-25-44 52-032-14	Dipstick Assembly (Includes Key Numbers 2 and 3) Washer, Plain 5/16 Seal, Rubber		ILLUSTRATED 25-450-03	Tag, Caution
4 5 6	41-153-01 52-126-11	O-Ring Bracket, Oll Tube Support	EXH	AUST	
7	52-123-20 47-139-01	Tube, Oil Fill 11-7/8 Plug, Hex, Countersunk 3/4 N P.T.F.	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
CYLI	NDER HEAD		3	52-126-12 X-25-72 52-086-11	Bracket Washer, Plain (3) Screw 1/4-20 x 5/8 (3)
	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	4	52-041-14	Gasket, Exhaust (2)
1 2 3 4	52-041-20 52-015-08 220534 41-086-02	Gasket, Head (2) Cylinder Head (2) Washer, Plain 5/16 (18) Screw, Hex Head 5/16-18 x 1-1/2 (18)	NOTI	E: All componen 1 inch = 25 4	t dimensions given in U.S. Inches mm

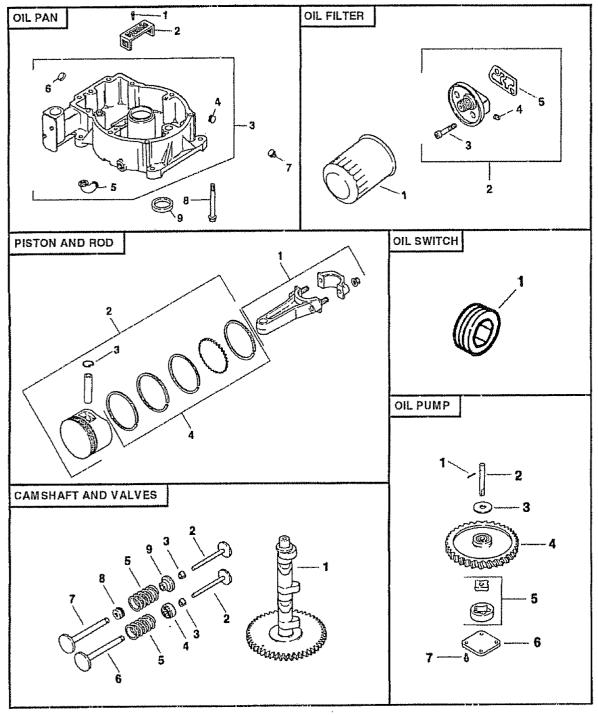
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EI VV	FLYWHEEL.			FUEL PUMP			
	PART	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		
1	25-162-01	Screen, Grass	1	47-086-08	Screw, Pozidriv, Truss Head		
ż	25-086-21	Screw, Hex Washer Head 1/4-20 x 5/8 (4)	2	52-559-01	1/4-20 x 5/8 (2) Pump, Fuel Assembly (Includes Key Numbers 3 thru 6)		
3 4 5 6 7 8	25-112-04 25-157-01 25-086-24 52-468-15 X-286-17 52-025-36	Spacer (4) Fan Screw, Hex Machine 3/8-24 x 1-1/4 Washer, Plain Key, Square 3/16 x 7/8 Flywheel	3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	X-380-1 X-25-63 25-041-09 25-165-02 X-426-9 52-353-18 25-050-03 15-353-04	(Incides Key Nomber's till 6) Connector, Straight Washer, Plein 1/4 (2) Gasket, Fuel Pump Connector, Hose Clamp, Hose (4) Line, Fuel, 8" Filter, Fuel Line, Fuel, 11-1/2"		
KEY	PART	DESCRIPTION	IGNIT	IGNITION			
NO.				PART	DESCRIPTION		
1 2	231355 X-25-12	Pin, Governor Stop Washer, Plain 1/4	NO.		DESCRIPTION		
34567890112 1314	237022 A-235743-S 52-078-04 X-25-102 X-269-28 X-25-72 52-090-23 277341 52-158-07 25-086-15 52-089-07 X-81-1 X-25-63	Washer, Thrust Kit, Governor Gear Shaft, Governor Cross Washer, Plain 1/4 (2) Retainer, Governor Washer, Plain 1/4 (2) Lever, Speed Control Washer, Tension Bushing, Throttle Control Lever Screw, Hex Washer Head 1/4-20 x 1 Spring, Governor Nut, Hex 1/4-20 Washer, Plain 1/4	1 234567 8901112	25-755-03 X-132-5 236602 237878 X-67-51 210281 X-67-64 41-155-03 220297 52-313-02 52-132-02 52-132-08	Kit, Rectilier-Regulator (Includes Key Number 2) Screw, Hex Cap 1/4-20 x 5/8 (2) Connector, 3 Contact Kit, Stator (Includes Key Number 5) Screw, Hex Cap #10-24 x 3/4 (2) Clip (2) Screw, Hex Washer Head #10-32 x 7/16 Connector, 2 Contact Grommet, Rubber Grommet Spark Plug (2) Bracket, Module		
16 17	52-186-09 52-211-04	Arm, Governor Screw, Round Head, Square Neck 1/	13	25-086-15	Screw, Hex Wesher Head 1/4-20 x 1 (2)		
18 19 20	25-141-03 25-158-08 52-079-07	4-20 x 1 Ring, Retaining (4) Bushing, Linkage Retaining (4) Linkage. Governor	14 15	52-584-02 25-086-16	Module, Ignition Screw, Hex Washer Head 1/4-20 x 7/8 (2)		
21 22 23 24	52-079-06 52-090-14 52-089-08 25-086-21	Linkage, Throttle Lever, Throttle Spring. Torsion Screw, Hex Washer Head 1/4-20 x 5/8		ILLUSTRATED 47-518-33	Lead, Violet, Rectifier-Regulator (11*, 14 Gauge, Uninsulated Push On Tab Terminals)		
25	X-67-97	1/4-20 x 5/6 Screw, Hex Washer Head #10-24 x 3/8 (3)	••	52-518-19	Lead, White, Module To Connector (19-1/2", 14 Gauge, Insulated Push On		
26 27 28 29	235778 25-431-01 X-70-3 52-086-05	#10-24 X 3/6 (3) Clamp, Cable (3) Bushing, Speed Control Lever Nut, Hex #10-32 Screw, Hex Head #10-32 x 7/8	NOTI	E: All componen	Tab, Uninsulated Push On Tab Terminals) t dimensions given in U.S. Inches mm		

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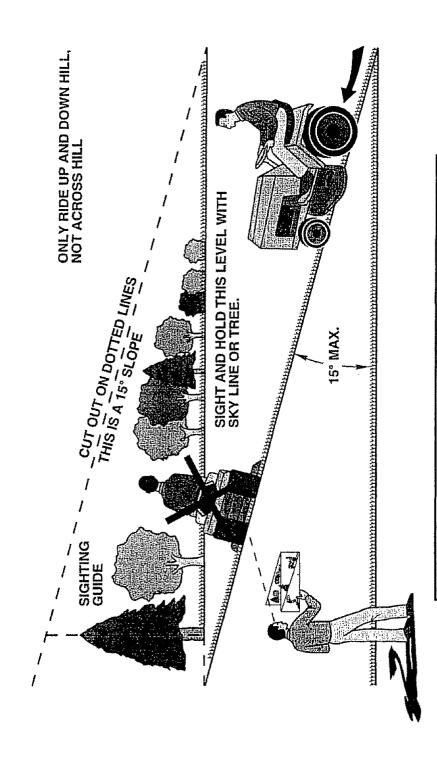
OIL PAN				LOW OIL PRESSURE SWITCH			
	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		
1	X-67-64	Screw, Hex Washer Head #10-32 x 7/16 (2)	1	X-75-23	Plug, Plpe 1/8 N.P.T.F.		
2 3 4	52-050-03 52-199-14	Filter, Oll Pickup Oil Pan (Includes Key #4 thru 6)	CAMSHAFT & VALVES				
4 5 6	X-702-14 52-054-07 X-75-38	Plug, Cup 1-1/16 Elbow, Street Plug, Hex, Countersunk 1/4 N.P.T.F.		PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		
7 8	X-75-10 52-086-12	Plug, Square Head 3/8 N P T F (2) Screw, Hex Washer Head 5/16-18 x 1-1/4 (9)	1 2 3	52-012-09 52-019-03 41-755-10	Camshaft Tappet (4) Kit, Hetainer (4)		
9	52-032-10	Seal, Oil, Rear	4 5 6	52-413-01 25-089-01 52-016-05	Hotator, Exhaust Valve (2) Spring, Valve (4) Valve, Exhaust (2)		
OIL FILTER			7 8	52-017-08 52-032-13	Valve, Intake (2) Seal, Intake Valve Stem (2)		
	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	9	230011 After serial no. 2 52-012-11	Retainer, Intake Valve (2) 24082000 use: Camshaft		
1 2	52-050-02 82-755-23	Oil Filter Kit, Oil Filter Adaptor (Includes Key Numbers 3 thru 5)	2	52-019-02	Tappet		
3	X-55-15	Screw, Hex Socket Head 5/16-18 x 1-1/4 (2)	OIL PUMP				
4	X-75-23	Plug, Hex, Countersunk 1/8 N.P.T.F.	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		
5	52-041-16	Gasket, Oll Filter	1	X-280-25	Pin, Roll		
PISTON & ROD			3	52-144-05 52-422-01	Shaft, Oll Pump Spacer, Shim (As Required, Maximum of 2)		
KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	4 5 6	52-043-05 52-393-09 52-096-03	Gear, Oll Pump Rotor Set Cover, Oll Pump		
1	52-067-67 52-067-68	Connecting Rod, Standard (2) Connecting Rod ,010" (2)	7	X-67-64	Screw, Hex Washer Head #10-32 x 7/16 (4)		
2	52-874-11 52-874-12 52-874-13	Piston with Aling Set, Standard (2) Piston with Aling Set 003" (2) Piston with Aling Set 010" (2)	NOT	ILLUSTRATED			
	52-874-14 52-874-15	Piston with Ring Set .020" (2) Piston with Ring Set .030" (2)		82-522-30 52-755-94	Short Block Gasket Set		
3 4	230004 52-108-09 52-108-10	Retainer. Pistoñ Pin (4) Ring Set, Standard and 003" (2) Ring Set 010" (2) Ring Set 020" (2)		RPM Settings:	Low Speed: 1150-1650 High Speed: 3200-3400		
	52-108-11 52-108-12	Ring Set 020" (2) Ring Set 030" (2)	NOTE: All component dimensions given in U S inches 1 inch = 25 4 mm				

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